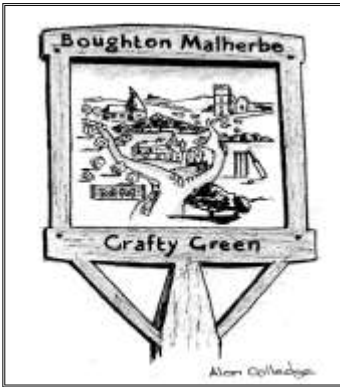


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Front Cover: Summer Fete banner adorned by flowers on the green.
Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Prayer requests can be left, as always, in the box in the church porch. Pencils and paper are already in the box for your use. The prayer requests will be collected and prayed for in church as soon as possible.

Morning Prayer will take place at 9am on Mondays in St.Nicholas. (Tuesdays, 9am in All Saints, Ulcombe; Wednesdays, 9.30am in St. Mary's, Lenham; Fridays, 9.30am in St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham).

Bible Study for the autumn starts on Thursday 12th September, 10.30-12noon, at Wierton Villa, the home of Joan Drury. We will be looking at the life of Moses in Exodus. For more details contact Joan on 01622 853766.

Village Coffee Morning will be back in the Village Hall, 10.30-12noon, on Wednesday 11th September. Looking forward to seeing the new kitchen. The August one took place in the church on a very wet morning, 14th August. Not surprisingly, no gardening was done, but there was much laughter amongst the 20 or so people who came. So sorry that Chris and Steve got so wet! We will get them in much quicker next time.

Lenham Heritage Society held their meeting in St. Nicholas on the 31st of July. We heard an excellent talk by Henny Shotter about three ladies of the Wotton family of Boughton Place, their lives and contribution to the Tudor and Stuart Courts. The influence and importance of women, she felt, was a subject so often overlooked in our studies of history. Many thanks for a lovely evening.

Rev. Anne Price (nee Alexander) officiated at her first Communion service in the Benefice at St. Nicholas on Sunday 4th August. We welcome her and Charlie back after their years in New Zealand. Anne was born and brought up, baptised, confirmed and married here, so we feel she has truly come home.

Millie, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Rev. Millie Hart after her many years of selfless service to us and the benefice, as Nursery school leader, Reader and for the last many years, associate priest, and for her contribution and support for so many people and activities in the communities. We know she and John will still be living in Harrietsham but taking some respite from all the hard work.

We hope they will enjoy more time to relax and be with their growing family, with son Paul and his wife expecting a baby in a few weeks. We give them many thanks and all our good wishes go with them.

(Will report next month on their leaving service and lunch in Harrietsham on 1st September).

Cream Teas have been a resounding success this year. As always our guests have been a delight, with many coming each Sunday! We have served upwards of 750 people over the season! There has been so much laughter and catching up with friends, old and new. We have been joined by new helpers, who have still been smiling at the end of each day! Many thanks to them. A new generation, of our grand children, have found it fun to serve and chat to guests of all ages, especially the dogs and puppies that have visited!

Angela even made 'dog scones', a real treat for them, (the dogs, not the children)!

Sylvia We are inviting all to come to St. Nicholas on 15th September from 2-5pm as we will be celebrating Sylvia's birthday with a 'special' Cream Tea, at her request! See elsewhere in the magazine for a poster.

Harvest Supper 7pm in the Village Hall on Saturday, 12th October.

Harvest Festival will be in St.Nicholas on Sunday 13th at 6.30pm.

Informal Service This service, on the fourth Sunday of each month, will be at 11am from September 22nd onwards.

Eco-spot. We have been quite busy over the last month, so not a lot to report, but, have found some very nice bars of beautiful soap in Neal's Yard shop with **NO** palm oil. At under £3, I can see friends receiving them at Christmas! We have been buying loo-rolls on-line, 48 rolls arrive in a cardboard box, each wrapped in paper only - no plastic in sight. Anne has been ordering them for 3 families to share and for the church, so the outlay is not excessive and half the company's profit goes to building toilets for those communities in need. Have trialled Anne's new fabric shopping bags, for loose fruit and vegetables and they are excellent!

We hope everyone has had a great summer, in the wind, rain and especially in the lovely sunshine. At present I am sitting under a garden umbrella with a clear blue sky, what gifts God has given us!

Sally Alexander

	Find the missing word?
1	Wayne _____, Former England Footballer
2	_____ Wordsworth, Poet who wrote about Daffodils
3	Laurence _____, Noted thespian
4	_____ Green, Our Man in Havana novelist
5	Norris _____, TV presenter and regular on Record Breakers
6	_____ to Grey, Top 10 hit for the band Visage
7	Peter _____, US actor known for playing Columbo
8	_____ Fitzgerald, Jazz Singer
9	Barny _____, Neighbour of Fred Flintstone
10	_____ Cash, American singer known as the Man in Black



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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be in Grafty Green Village Hall on 9th September
2019 at 7.30pm



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Children's Room Beer Garden

The poster features a white background with a decorative border of yellow and orange autumn leaves and green vines. Three large sunflowers with dark brown centers are positioned at the bottom left, bottom center, and bottom right. The text is centered and reads:

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6.30pm

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A message from your MP – Helen Whately

Now the summer has come, the last thing most of us want to be thinking about is Brexit. Sunshine and sand are beckoning, and we would probably all benefit from some time away. I know that's true for me and my fellow MPs in Westminster anyway.

But while MPs are in their constituencies, Boris Johnson's new team will be working away. Whatever your views about the new Prime Minister, he has brought energy and a fresh sense of purpose particularly to getting Brexit done. I'm well aware he divides opinion, but the most divisive thing of all is Brexit. Only once that is done will we be able to reunite as a country.

In my first question to the new Prime Minister in Parliament, I asked him - as a Kent MP - to make sure we are fully prepared for Brexit so that freight will keep flowing through Kent's ports. Kent MPs have met regularly with ministers, Highways England and Kent County Council over the last 12 months, but as October 31ST approaches I want to be sure everything possible has been done.

I know there are many other things that people care about. I expect three of the new Prime Minister's commitments will be particularly welcomed by people in our area; speeding up the delivery of full-fibre broadband, boosting school funding and increasing police numbers. All three address concerns that people often contact me about.

A new Prime Minister with a new Cabinet is a chance to reset the agenda. I'll be writing to all the new Ministers to make sure they are on the case with the things we care about locally, like investment in Kent's roads (along with electric charging points) and making sure our fruit farmers can get the workers they need. Boris's determination to make sure the extra money for the NHS gets to the front line is also a chance to push for the investment our hospitals and GPs need.

We now need to move forwards, get Brexit done and tackle the things that matter to people like housing, healthcare, and crime.

Stockbury could be cut in half by motorway improvements

Cars bombing over the flyover at 70mph could make it difficult, even dangerous, for people living in Stockbury to get about. People have told me they could face a 10 mile detour to avoid the planned works on the M2 Junction 5, which would blight the thriving village economy and, in effect, cut the parish in half.

I have written to the Secretary of State for Transport to say that the flyover must be accompanied by a bridge across the A249, large enough for farm vehicles and HGVs to cross. Otherwise, local people won't be able to get to the village from the closest junction and businesses could have to move. That is an unacceptable price to pay for an "improvement" scheme.

Children in child care are waiting too long for mental healthcare

Children are waiting up to two years for mental healthcare they need. The target is 18 weeks - so this simply isn't good enough.

I organised a meeting with local healthcare providers and MPs from across Kent to get the bottom of what's gone wrong. Part of the problem seems to be that we have a lot of children in care in Kent, who have particularly complicated needs. Another is an increase in demand for assessments for conditions like ADHD.

I wrote a letter to KCC and the Health Secretary, signed by other Kent MPs, calling for health and education services to work together to tackle the rise in children seeking help for their mental health. I'll also be having regular data briefings and meetings with the local NHS and others until we get this sorted.

What is your experience of your local GP?

People often tell me they have to wait ages to see a GP, and I have been shocked to hear stories about people queuing outside their surgery to get an appointment. This is simply not good enough.

I know many practices have made huge efforts to improve their services and I have benefited from this myself. More money is being invested in the NHS and surgeries are coming up with creative ways to ensure people receive the right health care – whether that is a physio, pharmacist, or nurse – when they need it.

I’ve launched a survey on my website to find out more about your experiences at your local surgery. Please take the time to visit my website and tell me your views so I can help improve healthcare in our area.

Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don’t look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Paint	Elbow	Gun	Grease
2	Ball	Income	Curtain	
3	Main	Test	Slip	
4	Television	Plate	Fee	
5	Missing	Second	In	
6	Football	Sprit	Mate	
7	Tennis	Spoon	Bird	
8	Passive	Jacket	Gun	
9	Shore	Sick	On	
10	Edition	Cousin	Aid	
11	Tipping	Blank	View	
12	Piece	Step	Tone	
13	Pocket	Spider	Belt	
14	Computer	Fiction	Rocket	
15	Surgery	Bullet	Cup	
16	Master	Back	Sun	

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

By the time you read this you will, we hope, have enjoyed our 'Alice in Wonderland'-themed fete. I must publicly thank all those who put so much of their time into organising and running it, especially Sue Burch who dreamed up the theme, co-ordinated the many volunteer helpers, and put so much effort into it herself.

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It's been a busy month. Not only have we had the fete but we have also re-vamped the Hall kitchen with a new entrance, a new floor and new units. We have had the loos modified to accommodate the storage of our tables and had a cupboard built under the stairs to house our cleaning equipment (which was formerly in one of the loos).

At least, I hope we have! At the time of writing this remains a 'work in progress' but I have faith that the work will be finished by the end of August!

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As a committee, we normally take a breather for a couple of months after the fete, but this year we have inaugurated a **table tennis club** which currently meets on the last Tuesday of every month. So the next meeting will be at 7.30 on **Tuesday 24 September**. We have Jacqui Thompson to thank for taking on this new venture. Just turn up if you fancy having a go. Absolute beginners will be made very welcome!

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Finally, if you're a Grafty (or nearby) 'Crafter' and would like a stall at our regular winter Craft Fair in the Hall (this year it's on Saturday 23 November) please get in touch with Carol Hulm (07990 574214 or email [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com)). Stalls are restricted to local people who produce and sell good quality handmade crafts of any sort. The fee is only £8 (plus a small donation to the raffle we hold on the day).

*Richard Pilborough,*

Hall Committee Chairman

## Grafty Gourmet

Cool off this summer with this delicious chocolate tart, topped with fresh strawberries.

### Frozen Chocolate Tart

375 g of dark chocolate  
100 g of caster sugar  
6 tablespoons of water  
4 egg yolks  
2 tablespoons of brandy  
600 ml of double cream

To decorate:  
icing sugar, sifted  
12 large strawberries, sliced  
single cream, to serve (optional)

1. Lightly grease a 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin and line with cling film.
2. Break the chocolate into sections and drop into a food processor. Process for 1 minute, or until just a few pieces remain in the otherwise powdery chocolate. Alternatively, you could finely grate the chocolate.
3. Place the sugar and water into a small pan and heat gently over a low heat, until the sugar has dissolved, stirring occasionally.
4. Increase the heat and boil briskly for 3-4 minutes, until the mixture becomes a light syrup.
5. Set the food processor running and pour the hot syrup through the funnel onto the chocolate - it should melt, but add a dash of boiling water if the chocolate hasn't completely melted.
6. Drop the egg yolks into the melted chocolate and process for a few seconds before adding the brandy. If you are not using a food processor, beat the ingredients together with a wooden spoon.
7. In a separate bowl, whip the cream until lightly thickened.
8. Fold in the chocolate mixture and then spoon it into the prepared tin, levelling the top with the back of a spoon.
9. Cover with cling film and transfer to the freezer for a minimum of 4 hours, or until it has frozen.
10. To serve, remove the torte from the freezer, release it from tin and transfer to a plate. Leave to soften for about 10-15 minutes before dusting with icing sugar. Decorate with fresh strawberries and serve with single cream.



## **Grafty Green Gardening Club - Autumn Show**

The September meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> - doors open at 6.30 for staging of entries to the Autumn Show. The Schedule is as follows:

- 1 One vase of perennials (maximum 12 stems )
- 2 3 stems of pompom dahlias.
- 3 One large flowered dahlia
- 4 One stem of rose(s)
- 5 2 stems of anemones
- 6 3 stems of Rudbeckia or Echinacea, same or mixed.
- 7 3 stems of flowering sedums (same variety)
- 8 3 leaves of Hosta
- 9 Vase of decorative/colourful foliage.
- 10 One head of hydrangea.
- 11 1 stem of fuchsia
- 12 Vase of pansies (up to 10 stems )

### **13 *Vegetable & Fruit***

- 14 3 carrots
  - 15 5 tomatoes (small variety )
  - 16 5 tomatoes large or standard variety
  - 17 6 runner beans (longest & straightest)
  - 18 4 potatoes
  - 19 2 courgettes
  - 20 4 onions
  - 21 2 beetroot
  - 22 Bunch of spinach
  - 23 Funniest vegetable
  - 24 one plate of soft fruit
  - 25 4 apples ....any variety
- Photo - summer garden

The evening also has the added attraction of Hugh Raggett who is a retired professional filmmaker and his talk and film of Hanbury's Gardens at La Mortola in Italy. The film deals with Thomas Hanbury, the creation of the garden, his gift of Wisley to the RHS in 1903, and his life at La Mortola until his death in 1907.

## Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5.00 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden. Non members are most welcome at any meeting for a small fee of £2.00.

### Programme 2019

| Date          | Speaker and talk or venue for outing                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 8     | AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| February 5    | Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| March 5       | Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| April 2       | Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| May 4         | Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| May 7         | Outing - Warren Street House                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| June 4        | Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| June 6 - 9    | Weekend, <u>Thurs</u> ; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u> , East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u> . Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u> . Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden. |
| July 2        | Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Aug 3         | Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sept 3</b> | <b>Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Oct 1         | Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 5         | Andrew - Hops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Dec 3         | Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### Calendar Boys

A theme for the Grafty Green calendar for next year was discussed at a recent village hall committee meeting.

It was felt that a fresh approach was needed and rather stupidly I suggested the idea of a calendar boys theme. This suggestion was greeted with much amusement, particularly from the lady members of the committee, who when they had stopped laughing, had wiped the tears from their eyes and could actually speak again suggested that I should make enquiries of the gentlemen of the village to see if there were enough volunteers willing to have a laugh and prepared to take part.

I would envisage a series of photographs depicting a humorous take on life in the village laid bare. If you are prepared to take part and have a laugh in a good cause, please email me at [thompsonjon1960@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonjon1960@gmail.com)



**Lenham Film Club**  
**Friday September 13th**  
**Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm**  
*at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way*

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September is your *Lucky Day*. We will be showing the award-winning comedy **Stan and Ollie** (PG 2018), about the two famous slapstick comedians, the Englishman Stan Laurel and the American Oliver Hardy, who are struggling on a farewell tour of Britain in their twilight years. Laurel and Hardy are fondly remembered today and this affectionate tribute is a masterpiece. A reviewer from one of their appreciation societies simply advised: *See it*. We second that.

In addition to our normal monthly performance we're planning to include several matinees over the winter months. For more information or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at [lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com). Keep an eye open for our posters, follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub), perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

***Stan and Ollie*** Running time 97 minutes.

*Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.*

## September Music Notes

It's back to school, and back to rehearsals for our local amateur musicians. Not many have performances yet, but there are good concerts to support – see below.

In case you are not familiar with it, I would draw your attention to the Great Comp Music festival, which provides excellent concerts throughout the Summer and through September. I have selected just one in my list but there is another on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Accommodation is limited and concerts tend to be fully sold out, with priority to members. Tickets must be ordered in advance – for details ring 01732 882327

So here is what I have found:

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September there will be a lunchtime concert (12.30pm, refreshments on sale) at St. Dunstan's church, Stone St., Cranbrook TN17 3HA by British-Swiss violinist Naomi Burrell. Free admission, retiring collection.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Poplar Grove, Maidstone ME16 0DE -An evening of songs and tales with Jonathan Viera, international singer and raconteur. Tickets 01622 299715
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at Great Comp, St. Mary's Platt TN15 8QS – an event in the Great Comp Music festival is a concert by The Piatti Quartet, prize winners at the 2015 Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition. The programme includes works by Purcell, Mendelssohn, Turina and Brahms.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the first concert of the Sutton Valence Music Society's new season. Look out for details. Tickets at the door for non-members.
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3.00pm at St. Nicholas church Otham, The Friends of Otham church promote an organ recital by Trevor Brearley. Free entry, retiring collection.

The here is another item from the musician's dictionary

**Organ:** A mythical instrument, part man and part beast, known to inhabit churches – especially ones that are cold, damp and drafty. Can also be an effective means of suppressing sermons.

**Brian Hardy**

*Friends of St Mary's Lenham*  
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**The Annual Village  
Barn Dance**



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
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- Len Valley Newsagent, High St, Lenham
- Lenham Village Stores
- St Mary's church coffee morning 10.00 am every Saturday

## Success comes from working together

Our speaker this month is Joseph from Fit & Healthy Solutions Limited and he's here to give you an idea of how to live a life based on your terms. He's a nutritionist and gives both practical advice on diet, prevention of diabetes and obesity prevention. He wants to give advice on some of the following topics that I feel you will benefit from and enjoy learning about.

- Water & how it helps to prevent health issues when we use it to cleanse our organs and digestive system
- How to eat right for better sleep & why we need magnesium
- Why fats are healthy & help us live well
- What to eat & what not to eat
- When to eat & when not to eat
- Why we need less white breads/flours carbs?
- Eating for energy
- Diabetes & how to avoid type 2
- Obesity isn't the main reason for diabetes
- Eating for optimal health performance.

Josephs' half hour minute presentation will be followed by business networking giving you plenty of time to meet Joseph and all the other attendees.



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This sale is of a size which means it is an event for all the parishes around. It is also an occasion to meet up with friends over a cup of tea or coffee – or just let the refreshments sustain you while you browse. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> or indeed both!

If your bookcases are already full, it is not too late to make some space for more or our inexpensive purchases by donating some books to the sale – just deliver them to the church any day between 9.00am and 4.00pm, and leave them in the South porch (but no old magazines, videos or second-hand toys please; save these for the next jumble sale or boot fair; and please no encyclopaedias or old text-books – we can't sell them nowadays).

If you would like more information about this important local happening, please give me a ring on 01622 842915, or email [b.hardy17@outlook.com](mailto:b.hardy17@outlook.com) Otherwise, just come along!

**Brian Hardy**

## **Focus on Faith**

Andrea Trevenna will be speaking about the book of Revelation in Ryarsh village hall on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9.15am to 2.15pm. For more information contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766.

## **The Law Giver**

Bible studies will resume in Weirton Villa, Headcorn Road on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. The theme will be the life of Moses. If you are interested in exploring the Scriptures do join us. You will be welcome whether or not you attend a local church. Ring Joan (01622 853766) to find out more.



## **Christian Message September 2019 by Pamela Cuerden**

"I'm not so much losing a son as gaining a daughter."

Aah the old clichés are the best, but sat here two days before my youngest child gets married, is a very strange feeling. It's a mixture of excitement and joy, and yet regret that all of family life seems to happen too fast and that when we are blessed with children, before we blink they have grown up and flown the nest. Even though none of our offspring have lived at home for the last two years, the last wedding of the last child feels as if it is sealing the end of an era. We not only need to "suffer the little children" (Matthew 19:14) but savour every privileged moment in the up-bringing of those in our care, whether personally or professionally, and more widely, all those living in our community.

As for wedding preparations: whilst we have been busy gardening, our neighbour has kindly been helping with the land and road nearby to make it nice for guests, and the bride's family have been busy making decorations and wine. For all the lists and attention to detail, there have been a few last minute items we have been asked to find from our house, which we have gladly done, only too happy to play a small part on the day. It just proves that there is often something unexpected at any event.

At the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12), it was wine. Mary's friends would have prepared carefully for the whole village and just before the day, no doubt, there seemed to be plentiful supplies. In those days, it wasn't just a question of asking to borrow a forgotten item: to run out of anything would have brought shame to the family. Mary knew this and, wanting to save her friends from disgrace, turned to her beloved son who obliged by asking the servants to fill six large stone jars with water before famously turning it into a delicious wine. The master of the feast, who knew nothing of what Jesus had done, assumed that the hosts had unusually, left the very best vintage until last.

**This story highlights a turning point in John's Gospel :**

*Mary showed that she now recognised instinctively what Jesus was capable of;  
Jesus started his ministry with a marvellous miracle and  
the servants and disciples, could surely, have been left in no doubt about His holy heritage  
and ability.*

Whether preparing for an event, or going about our everyday lives, there will be times when we miscalculate something seemingly important. Like Mary, we can turn to God in the certain knowledge that he answers our requests, albeit often very differently from our desires. This can be very hard when the answer seems to be a firm 'No'.

**Our challenge is to recognise his work in our lives, often through others; to trust his greater plan and to do so without fear or doubt.**

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

10.30 am Harrietsham: Benefice Service  
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9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy  
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

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

6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

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

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal  
Service

9.30am Lenham: Big Breakfast Service

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

|    |            |         |         |         |
|----|------------|---------|---------|---------|
|    | Word 1     | Word 2  | Word 3  | Answer  |
| 1  | Paint      | Elbow   | Gun     | Grease  |
| 2  | Ball       | Income  | Curtain | Net     |
| 3  | Main       | Test    | Slip    | Road    |
| 4  | Television | Plate   | Fee     | Licence |
| 5  | Missing    | Second  | In      | Person  |
| 6  | Football   | Spiri   | Mate    | Team    |
| 7  | Tennis     | Spoon   | Bird    | Table   |
| 8  | Passive    | Jacket  | Gun     | Smoking |
| 9  | Shore      | Sick    | On      | Leave   |
| 10 | Edition    | Cousin  | Aid     | First   |
| 11 | Tipping    | Blank   | View    | Point   |
| 12 | Piece      | Step    | Tone    | Two     |
| 13 | Pocket     | Spider  | Belt    | Money   |
| 14 | Computer   | Fiction | Rocket  | Science |
| 15 | Surgery    | Bullet  | Cup     | Plastic |
| 16 | Master     | Back    | Sun     | Stroke  |

|    |                                                               |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | Find the missing word?                                        |
| 1  | Wayne Rooney, Former England Footballer                       |
| 2  | William Wordsworth, Poet who wrote about Daffodils            |
| 3  | Laurence Olivier, Noted thespian                              |
| 4  | Graham Green, Our Man in Havana novelist                      |
| 5  | Norris McWhirter, TV presenter and regular on Record Breakers |
| 6  | Fade to Grey, Top 10 hit for the band Visage                  |
| 7  | Peter Falk, US actor known for playing Columbo                |
| 8  | Ella Fitzgerald, Jazz Singer                                  |
| 9  | Barry Rubble, Neighbour of Fred Flintstone                    |
| 10 | Johnny Cash, American singer known as the Man in Black        |

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