



**“NEWS from the PEWS”**  
**The Parish of POSTLING**  
Part of the Elham Valley Group of Churches

**January  
- February  
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*The Bi-monthly Newsletter of St. Mary & St. Radigund's Church, Postling*

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**Wine tasting event in your own home** Join in by Zoom on Friday 29<sup>nd</sup> January

*This is how it will work:* Between 5 and 6pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>, we will deliver to your home seven different red wines, 50mls of each one per person.

With the delivery will come a sealed envelope with tasting notes for each wine- five descriptions will be offered for each wine, but only one will be correct.

You can then take a taste and try and decide which descriptions correctly match your samples. At 8pm join us all by Zoom when we taste them together and decide what the wines are.

No prizes, just fun!

*£8 per person donation to the church.*

Please do let Peter Le Feuvre know if you would like to take part.



Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Crib service. Sadly, the actual event had to be cancelled. Next year perhaps.....

**Postling quizzes are coming your way!**

Hosted by Chris and Jane Reynolds, they will take place every other Thursday evening by Zoom, starting off this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

A Zoom link will arrive on Wednesday. Three rounds of 10 questions. Pen and paper needed! Come and pit your wits against your friends and neighbours

## Services in January and February

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

9.30am Family Communion                      By Zoom    Rev Stephen Dougal

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am. Morning Service                      By Zoom    Peter and Sarah

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Service                      By Zoom    Peter and Sarah

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Service                      By Zoom    Peter and Sarah

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Family Communion                      By Zoom    Rev Stephen Dougal

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Service                      By Zoom    Peter and Sarah

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February

9.30am Morning Service                      By Zoom    Peter and Sarah

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Service                      By Zoom    Peter and Sarah

**The informal Thursday services will take a break, but will start again in Lent, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. They will take place either in the church or by Zoom depending on the situation at the time**

### **Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota**

January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Elphick
January 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Sigwart and Natalia Woods
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Hobbs
February 6 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nikki Clark and Jane Reynolds
<i>Lent begins on 17<sup>th</sup> February- no flowers- cleaning only</i>	
February 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Spratling and Pat Elphick

**Postling Action for Conservation and the Environment (PACE):** Debbie Reynolds writes:

### **A Christmas Season Log-Down**

As the world twists and turns through the maze of Covid guidance and local lockdowns, we start to consider what really matters this Christmas season: our family, our friends and our local environment.

We know the sad tale of our declining nature and wildlife, as the habitats on which they depend disappear under road, house, industry and field. This is where we can give the most important gift of all, we can give life to our parish through the enrichment of our environment.

The increasing reality is that biodiversity is collapsing, with the South East being hard hit. One in ten species is considered at risk from extinction in Kent on our current trajectory.

Postling Action for Conservation and the Environment (PACE) is asking for us all to look at the habitats we are offering our landscape. Providing a log pile, of any size, in a shaded area of our gardens, will not only create a niche environment for fabulous predatory insects such as ground beetles and devil's coach horse, or a cool

ambient hostel for a noble slug and snail-eating toad, or an indulgent larder for a green woodpecker, or the security of shelter for a hibernating queen bee but also... a great way to store carbon.

Log piles can become an attractive feature in a garden, with colourful displays of mosses and lichen or candle-snuff fungus showcasing its vertical snow-white growth. Alternatively, a trailing plant or grand ferns can be planted to create a wonderful garden display. A local log-down will not cost the earth but will provide a crucial sanctuary and opportunity to the living nature we love in Postling.

Gardens can knit our landscape together again. Simple investments in nature such as log piles and small meadow areas provide key habitats that are sadly being lost through the ceaseless pressure to tidy, burn, trim, cut, pave or concrete.

