

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front Cover:** The Village Hall Committee outside the recently renovated hall.

#### **News from St. Nicholas Church**

**Change can be daunting** wherever we are in our life. So many changes over the last 18 months, from the first reports of an unknown infection spreading in a distant country to the various lockdowns and changes to the way we live, work, shop, socialise, think of others and their needs, worry about vulnerable friends and family, how would our healthcare services hold up and the myriad of other minutiae of life.

Some seemingly small changes but multiplied greatly and they turn into stressful and sometimes overwhelming issues. Now comes change again as we move forward into the unknown, safer, vaccinated world we need to create. May we be aware that God is with us in each challenge.

Especially we think of those facing the greatest change this summer, the children coping with disrupted schooling, exams, leaving for further education and jobs. We give thanks to the teachers who work so hard to ensure that none are left behind.

We pray for all those in education at this time.

**The Porch at St. Nicolas** is open each day as usual, still a good place of peace in our lovely countryside. The main church building remains closed.

The barriers are still in place around the West Door, still waiting for the repairs to the fallen masonry from the Tower. Please take care in that area.

**Morning Prayer** is said daily, on-line, at 9.30am. Please contact Rev.Anne Price on revanne@lvb.org.uk if you would like to join in any day. If you have a prayer request contact Rev.John Huggins, Rev.Anne Price or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said at Morning Prayer time or in private if you wish.

Celtic Morning Prayer continues at 8.45-9.15am each Monday morning in the side chapel.

**Other services** are available. Please contact the church office for details. The Church of England has links to regular services on their website and there is a daily prayer on Facebook.

**Ordination of Rev.Charlotte Coles** takes place on Saturday 3rd July. We are unable to support her in person, but hope to follow the service on-line.

She will be celebrating her first communion service in the Benefice on Sunday 11th July at 11am, outdoors or inside Ulcombe Church. This will be a combined service for the whole Benefice. More information on how we can participate will be sent out later and put on the noticeboards at St.Nicolas and in the village shop.

Many congratulations to her and good wishes for her future ministry.

#### Services at St.Nicolas

July. 4th 9.30am Communion

**11th 11am Benefice service at Ulcombe** Rev. Charlotte will preside

**18th** 9.30am Communion **25th** 11am Informal

**Farewell to John Millen.** This morning, 24th June, in perfect weather, Rev.John Huggins led the funeral service for John Millen in the churchyard at St.Nicolas. A location, I am sure, John would have approved of. John cared for the garden by the gate for so long and for other gardening jobs. We will long remember and give thanks for his skills and dedication to St.Nicolas.

We will not forget his smile as he regularly joined the monthly Village Coffee Mornings where he specially appreciated Sylvia's famous cheese scones.

Our prayers go out to his family as they mourn his passing.

**Eco-spot.** The small birds around the churchyard at St.Nicolas must be very well fed this summer; they have barely touched the bird feeders over the last few weeks. One type of feeder completely ignored was also ignored in my garden, so will change that one. Plenty of evidence of the badgers around. The Merlin has hunted in our garden as well as forays by the kestrels this week. The goldfinches are working hard to feed there young in a nest by the kitchen door, keeping safe so far. A fox cub has tried to chase the squirrels along the garden fence, which winds up Sandy the dog. I'm sure everyone has wonderful nature notes at this time of year. So exciting.

#### Despite the slow Spring the countryside looks amazing, enjoy!

Sally Alexander

#### St.Nicolas in the Community.

#### About Eco church this month - Vanessa writes;

May I initially thank everyone who came on Sunday 13th June and supported our Wildlife count, our first afternoon of tea and cakes and our Eco Shop Information Stand. Ros Bennet counted over 100 species of wild plants (excluding lichen), which was magnificent and Sue Burch recorded by far the most animal species. Thank you to all who participated. If our wildlife project is successful, we hope to find greater diversity every year.

We are also enormously grateful for all the interest shown in our Eco shop, the advice given and promises of support. It meant the world for our new venture. Since Monday Lily and her friend Ed have the official support of the PCC to run the shop, the questionnaires have been evaluated and whilst shampoo and washing scents may divide opinions, everyone voted for ethical chocolate sales . This means that the shop can officially buy its first bulk products, which is exciting.

As the Cream Teas will sadly not happen this year, we are hoping to start a monthly afternoon of tea and cakes. On these afternoons the Eco Shop will be open for you to fill up reusable containers from the bulk supplies to reduce plastic waste. The shop will keep its margins low so that Eco products are as affordable as possible, small profits will be divided between the church

and wildlife charities. We are hoping to hold the next tea and cake and Eco shop event on the 25th of July.

The other big highlight in the Eco events calendar was the visit by Ash class on Monday 7th June. Ash class is the youngest class at Platts Heath primary school and 11 young gardeners came with their teachers and helpers to plant the first set of plants that they had grown over lockdown for the churchyard. The children expertly planted and watered cosmos and snapdragons around the roses in the flowerbed in front of the porch. This bed used to be tended so well by John Millen, who is sorely missed by us all and I hope the flowers will thrive in his honour. Along the wall at the back of the churchyard the class planted sweet-peas and marigolds which will look beautiful when in bloom and provide much needed nectar for bees and butterflies. Many thanks to all the parents of Platts Heath who helped nurture the plants and to the teachers who came and supported this day. Many thanks for the bird-feeders which the children hung up in the trees. We greatly look forward to the next class coming to plant up their sunflowers.

Finally, if you would like to be kept up to date with the Eco-shop, please give your contact details to me or Lily and please watch out for notices on the Grafty Green and Platts Heath Facebook page, on the church noticeboard and in the shop/post office window (with further thanks to Rob, Nick and Hazel).

Thank you once more for your enthusiasm and support.

#### Vanessa Goodwin

#### **Yoga Classes**

Yoga classes in the Village Hall -

Monday and Thursday mornings at 9.30 to 11

Wednesday evening at 7 to 8.30

Saturday morning 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10 to 11.30 – suitable for beginners.

Booking essential – Sue Burch 850381 or <a href="mailto:graftyyoga@gmail.com">graftyyoga@gmail.com</a>

Sue Burch British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

#### Sue's Nature notes

Not only have the plants in the garden exploded now in delighting the eye but also there is quite a buzz going on with the bees and other nectar seeking insects. I noticed that the buff-tailed bumbles love the blue/mauve toadflax but ignore the pink; seven or eight at a time on one plant. There are small red tails that flit from flower to flower burying their faces into the pollen rich flower heads.

During the recent days of heavy rain there is a distinct absence of flying insects but as soon as the sun is able to shine butterflies (red admiral and meadow browns seen now) appear together with hoverflies and the occasional moth.

Around the pond the first of the vivid 'dragonflies' to emerge are the damsels; like bright blue flying matchsticks! Then the chasers (broad bodied dragonflies) males are also a striking blue; they spend a good deal of time chasing off other males protecting their interest in a female who has a golden body coming together to mate in mid-air. The eggs are laid on vegetation protruding from the surface of the water. The hawker dragonfly has a longer body and a longer wingspan; these, on my patch, are less common but they obliging rest on a leaf and stay longer to give you time to observe their fragile beauty.

Dragonflies spend more time at the nymph stage in the pond and if you take a net and trawl it through the water and empty the contents into a white bowl you may find them – they do look quite fierce! It could be as long as four years before they emerge from the pond and transform into adult dragonflies.

In the last few days there have been miniature frogs creeping through the grass; at this early stage they are so easily missed being no bigger than 7/8mm in length.

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### An Update from the Parish Council

The Parish Council is now meeting in public again. All local residents are welcome to attend meetings and can speak. The dates for meetings in the coming municipal year are:

5th July 6th September 8th November 24th January 2021 7th March 2021

Agendas are posted on the village green notice board and on the parish council website. Meetings take place at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The Parish Council has commissioned KCC to erect a map of local footpaths, also containing local information, on the village green. It is hoped that this will be in place at some point this summer.

A reminder that the traffic calming works on Headcorn Road through the Grafty Green will take place in the week

works on Headcorn Road through the Grafty Green will take place in the week commencing 23rd August and there will be some disruption. Results of a traffic survey conducted just to the south of Grafty Green village centre in April can be found on the traffic calming page on the website.

#### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Regards

Chris Hume Parish Clerk Boughton Malherbe PC 07972 630555

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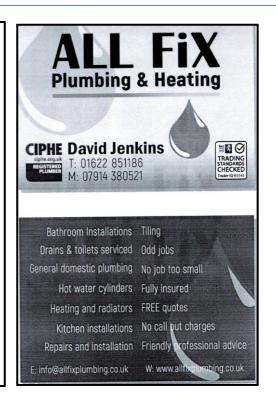
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# Invitation

# Charlotte's First Communion Benefice Service

All Saints, Ulcombe Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 11am

Following Revd. Charlotte's ordination as a priest on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we will celebrate with a Benefice Communion service the following Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> July) at which Charlotte will preside.

We are planning for the service to be held outside.

We also plan to have a picnic-style lunch afterwards and further details will follow.

There are sheets at each church to write a message for the ordination card together with a box for donations towards a gift.

Please bring a chair (and an umbrella if it's damp). If it is very wet, we will hold the service inside the church with the Ulcombe congregation in attendance and will use a Zoom link for those living outside the Parish. The Zoom link will be as follows:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87218484335



# Grafty Green Village Hall Welcome Back Event

# Saturday 7<sup>Th</sup> August 10.00am until 1.00pm

Pop along and enjoy our **free** refreshments tea/coffee and cakes or savoury snacks

Come and find out about all the fun things that go on in our village hall, meet the committee members and the people that run the different clubs.

Find out about the history of the village hall and our hopes for the future.

Enjoy a chance to chat to friends and make new ones in our COVID secure village hall in Church Road.

Donations of cakes and savoury snacks would be very welcome please bring them to the hall from 9.00am on  $7^{\text{th}}$  August.

#### Music Notes for July 2021 - B Hardy

The expected relief for amateur musicians did not come in May. As I write local choirs of more than six still cannot meet, and all the plans for starting rehearsals and the possibilities of major Maidstone concerts in July have come to naught. Maidstone United Reformed Church , however, are taking advantage of the "six persons" concession and will be holding their Summer lunchtime concerts on Wednesdays in July, 1.00pm at URC Week Street, admission free, coffee available, retiring collection. Professionals on the other hand have been reprieved and things are moving on the national scale. The Leeds Castle annual concert is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> July and the proms start on 30<sup>th</sup> July with audience (they hope); you can buy proms programmes from the large booksellers, including that one on the internet. Around 20 of this year's Proms will be filmed and made available on BBC iPlayer, including the first two (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>).

Meanwhile I continue to search out anniversaries; here they are for July:

- 13<sup>th</sup> July 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Arnold Schoenberg, Austrian-American composer (1874-1951)
- 24<sup>th</sup> July 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Alan Rawsthorne, British composer
- 26<sup>th</sup> July 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Franz Xavier Wolfgang Mozart, Austrian composer, teacher and performer; youngest son of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- 28<sup>th</sup> July 280th anniversary of the death of Antonio Vivaldi, Italian composer and violinist

As possibly the least well known, here is something about **Alan Rawsthorne**: Born in 1905 Rawsthorne's parents discouraged his aims to be a professional musician and he tried and failed as a dentist and then as an architect. In 1925 he finally enrolled at the Royal Manchester College of Music. After graduating he spent two years pursuing his piano training with Egon Petri at Zakopane in Poland, and then briefly also in Berlin. On his return to England in 1932, he took up a post as pianist and teacher at Dartington Hall in Devon, where he became composer-in-residence for the School of Dance and Mime. In 1934,he left for London to try his fortune as a freelance composer. His first real public success arrived four years later with a performance of his *Theme and Variations for Two Violins* at the 1938 International Society for Contemporary Music Festival in London. The next year, his large-scale *Symphonic Studies* for orchestra was performed in Warsaw. The first in a line of completely assured orchestral scores, the Symphonic Studies, which can be heard as a concerto for orchestra in all but name, rapidly helped Rawsthorne establish himself.

Other acclaimed works include a viola sonata (1937), two piano concertos (1939, 1951), an oboe concerto (1947), two violin concertos (1948, 1956), a concerto for string orchestra (1949), and the *Elegy for Guitar* (1971), a piece written for and completed by Julian Bream after the composer's death. He also wrote many film scores including *The cruel sea* (2002) and *The man who never was* (1956).

And here is another music definition:

**Orchestra**– The result of musicians having discovered that there is safety in numbers.

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#### Malherbe Monthly - Village Hall News July 2021

## Save the date - Village Hall Grand Reopening Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 1.00pm

I am pleased to advise you that the new roof has now been installed on the Village Hall and we have also installed window boxes at the front of the hall to add a bit more colour to our lovely village.

I would firstly like to thank our neighbours in Church Road for their patience and understanding whilst these works were undertaken. I sincerely hope that the roofing contractors did not inconvenience you too greatly – the old roof lasted 40 years so we should not have to trouble you again for some time to come!

Christine held her first Pilates class on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at 9.30 am and we are pleased to welcome her to the hall as a new hirer. Classes will be held every Tuesday morning at 9.30 and if you would like to join this new class please contact Christine - christinewilliamspilates@gmail.com or mobile 07552 101842.

Sue Burch is also running her Yoga classes at the hall which are held on Monday mornings alongside the usual Wednesday evening and Thursday morning sessions and if you would like to attend please contact Sue on either mobile 07803 962339 or email <a href="mailto:graftyyoga@gmail.com">graftyyoga@gmail.com</a>.

As we gradually come out of lockdown we are keen for the hall to play an active part in village life and if you or anyone you know would like to use the hall for a club, society or community event please do not hesitate to let either myself on 07932 112730 email <a href="mailto:bromley@ashleylaw.co.uk">bromley@ashleylaw.co.uk</a> or Carol Hulm who manages the village hall bookings on 01622 853583 email <a href="mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com">carolhulm@gmail.com</a>.

As mentioned above to celebrate the end of lockdown we propose to hold a grand reopening of the hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and everyone is welcome to come along and socialise with your neighbours and friends in the village. The committee will be on hand to welcome you and where you can learn about the history of the hall, the activities that are held at the hall and see the improvements that have been made during lockdown.

Please come along it would be lovely to see you.

Jon Thompson Village Hall Chairman

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

	Find the missing word?
1	A A, Creator of 'Winnie the Pooh'
2	A With a View, A Novel by E M Forester
3	Sue, Actress who played Barbara in 'The Royal Family'
4	Jerry, Who had a global hit with 'In The Summer Time'
5	'Sultans of', Hit for Dire Straits
6	Da Vinci, Italian Painter
7	High, Classic Western
8	Crawford, Played by Frank Spencer in 'Some Mothers do have them'
9	George, One of the Fab Four
10	Hand Luke, Film drama with Paul Newman

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Crowd	Cubic	Legal	Capacity
2	Lip	News	Proof	
3	Bucket	Dry	Pick	
4	Back	Out	Whip	
5	Bay	Creeper	Stump	
6	Cheese	Cracker	Double	
7	Bounty	Head	Job	
8	Outlet	Price	Therapy	
9	Afternoon	Green	Towel	
10	Room	Jet	Search	
11	Breakfast	Crop	Grass	
12	Diary	Garden	Society	
13	Biscuit	Fight	Star	
14	Frame	Dried	Deep	
15	Cake	Jelly	Knife	
16	Brandy	Picker	Tomato	

## Grafty Green Gardening Club Programme 2021

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic	
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Kevin Tooher	Pruning	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Lucy Adams	Dry Gardening	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Laura Brady	Vegetables & Herbs – Growing &	
	-	Cooking	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Group Zoom 7.30	Flower Arrangements with a	
		Spring Theme	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet		
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe		
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Visit to The Croft at Thurnham		
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Grafty Open Gardens		
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Godinton Garden		
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Visit to Horton Farm		
7 <sup>th</sup> September	DeJaeger – Bulbs		
10/11/12 Sept	Weekend away in Herefordshire		
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Ian Gray (Mammal Society) Hedgehogs		
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	TBC		
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit Winter Event at Kew.		

#### **Grafty Green Gardening Club - Update for July**

On July 6th we are visiting Godinton Garden, Godinton Lane, Ashford, TN23 3BP at the earlier time of 5pm prompt for those who want to have tea and cake before walking around the garden. Please let Veronica know if you are coming on (01622 850384) as the garden want to know our numbers. We can expect terraced lawns, large herbaceous borders, a rose garden and formal lily pond. Also, a large walled garden with delphiniums, potager, cut flower and iris border.

Our two June events were such a success, thanks go to all of our members who attended, either or both of these events and contributed with lifts, opening their gardens, setting up and taking down, making cakes, teas and washing up. Well done!

There is still a short time left to book on our weekend away in September. Please phone Carole Frost (01622) 757536 to book your place on the coach or for further details about the trip.

In our gardens:- In warm weather pests and diseases multiply fast, Greenfly and Blackfly breed especially fast, and it can be a job to keep on top of them. If you can, grow a variety of plants to encourage beneficial insects and other wildlife and create a balance between pests and predators. Birds need a regular supply of water in dry weather and a safe access to it. Late flowering perennials will benefit from a general organic fertiliser now to boost their growth for the rest of the Summer. Sage, Rosemary and Thyme can be cut now and hung up to dry preferably out of the house in a garage or other outbuilding.

If you would like to join the Gardening Club a subscription to our Treasurer Doreen Hulm at Lavender Cottage, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green of £5.00 will secure membership for a whole year.

#### **Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club.**

#### **Grafty Gourmet**

All there are a few ingredients in this recipe, but you cannot beat a curry made from scratch. It is so much better than a sauce from a jar.

#### **Prawn Curry With Feta Flatbreads**

#### For the Curry

2 teaspoons of mustard seeds

2 teaspoons of cumin seeds

1 teaspoon of coriander seeds

2 tablespoon of olive oil

1 red onion, finely sliced

1 red chilli, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, crushed

2 teaspoons of garam masala

2 teaspoons of turmeric powder

2 teaspoons of ground coriander

2 teaspoons of sweet smoked paprika

250g of cherry tomatoes, halved

250g of spinach

250g of raw king prawns

grated zest and juice of 1 lemon bunch of coriander, finely chopped

salt and pepper

#### For the Flatbreads

300g of self-raising flour

300g of natural yoghurt

1 teaspoon of baking powder

1 tablespoon of vegetable oil

100g of feta cheese, crumbled

- 1. Place a frying pan over a medium heat and add the mustard, cumin and coriander seeds. Once you start to smell them and the seeds start to pop, add the oil and the onion and cook slowly for about 10 minutes, until the onion is soft and caramelised. Whilst the Onions are cooking, make the flatbreads as detailed in (3) below.
- 2. Add the chilli and garlic and cook for a further minute or so. Add the garam masala, turmeric, ground coriander, paprika and 3 tablespoons of water and cook the spices for a minute in the water. Drop in the tomatoes and cook until nice and soft, then add the spinach and cook until wilted. Stir in the prawns and cook until they just turn pink, then season and add a good squeeze of lemon juice, zest and the chopped coriander.
- 3. For the flatbreads, mix all the ingredients except for the oil and cheese in a large bowl. Knead to a dough it's quite a sticky dough then shape into 6 balls weighing about 50g each and roll them out to about 1cm thick. Brush each bread with the oil, then sprinkle over the feta and fold the dough in on itself (like an envelope) to incorporate the cheese. Use a rolling pin to roll each bread out to about 15cm in diameter.
- 4. Heat a griddle or heavy-based frying pan over a medium-high heat until piping hot, then cook the flatbreads for about 2-3 minutes on each side or until golden.



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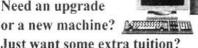
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#### **Christian Message July 2021**

I doubt that there is anyone who doesn't look back on their life and talk about it. Unless we were babies at the time many of us will, for years, recall the difficult days of the Covid 19 pandemic. Difficult, yes, but this is only part of the story. There is a wonderful truth in the 5<sup>th</sup> verse of St John's Gospel chapter 5: **The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.** 

Many have discovered these words to prove true and their future memories will recall the kindness of neighbours, making new friends, discovering new interests, taking walks, reading more than before. Light in darkness has proved true for many but is also special for those who trust in God. Days have been difficult but this is only part of the story.

The Gospel and Epistle writers of the New Testament wrote from experience and Christians continue to look back on what God has done in their lives. Maybe we are too scared of talking about how we have been guided by God. Sometimes I have thought of sharing a memory but have hesitated because I feared that listeners would be bored.

As a response to my hesitancy our curate Charlotte Coles is going to describe the way in which God led her to be ordained as a priest.

#### Here is what she wrote:

I originally trained as a licensed lay minister (a Reader), like Joan, which meant I led services and preached with the authority of the Church of England. God then began nudging me again and I felt called in a new way and this time I explored ordained ministry to the priesthood. This new call came during a week of prayer in which we were placed with a prayer partner for half an hour each day for five days. On one of those days, we were given clay to mould whilst praying, which felt a little odd to begin with , but I stayed with it. Unconsciously, I moulded a small cup, which my husband said looked like an eggcup, but to me it was a chalice into which wine is poured during a service of Holy Communion. This was a key moment in my vocation, though at the time, although I knew it was special, I didn't realise the significance of it.

After much soul searching and talking with friends and my local Vicar at the time, and after going before different interview panels, I was put forward to train for the priesthood. I shall be ordained priest on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you had told me twelve years ago that I would be going to vicar school and end up being ordained I probably would not have believed you. So, God used other people to guide me and it took a while to trust that guidance and own it.

So, I encourage all of you who have managed to read to the end of this article, to follow your heart and hear God speaking to you, and trust in his calling and the plans he has for each and everyone of us. If you feel that God is calling you, then please get in touch for a chat.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.



#### SOHL launches fundraising campaign - "Leave Our Land Alone"

Despite strong opposition from local residents, stakeholders and key statutory bodies, Maidstone Borough Council continues to blindly forge ahead with its plans to build a garden community on the edge of Lenham village.

The Council has refused to share the third iteration of its Heathlands masterplan, which will show the revised red boundary line for the development, with local residents. It is unlikely that this will be released until Consultation 19 of MBC's local plan review, which is expected to be delayed until September.

If we are to stop MBC from pursuing this unviable, unrealistic, and unsustainable scheme, then we must ACT now.

We now need to engage lawyers, town planners and other specialists to help us fight this proposal. To do this - we need your financial support.

SOHL has always promised not to ask you for funds until it was absolutely necessary – but regrettably we now have no choice. We have been prudent with our spending so

far, printed information material (£810), Independent transport assessment (£1,800) and legal expenses (£837).

SOHL has launched a fundraising campaign, which you may have already seen on social media, "We will not let MBC take our land" and is asking you to donate.

Here is how you can make a donation:

- Cash transfers can be paid to Save Our Heath Lands: Account Number: 56825161 Sort Code: 600121
- Go to: saveourheathlands.co.uk/donate
- Cheques to ne made payable to: Save Our Heath Lands. Please send the cheques to c/- The Poplars Bull Hill, Lenham Heath ME17 2JA
- If you have cash donations, please call Kate Hammond 07925 606 236 and she will arrange for the funds to be collected.

Please donate as much as you can – every little helps.

#### **Public Consultation 19**

As soon as we hear anything more about MBC's plans to launch its public consultation 19 on the Local Plan Review in September, we will let you know.

This will be one of our last chances to have our voices heard before the Local Plan goes to the Planning Inspector for examination. It is very important you respond to the public consultation and let MBC know your views and objections to the Heathlands proposal. You will be able to do this via the Council's consultation portal or via email. We will keep you posted. Look out on our website, social media, and emails, for more information.

By standing together as one united rural community we will have a much greater chance of stopping the Council from concreting over our local beautiful countryside.

You can keep up to date with SOHL news on the website <a href="https://www.saveourheathlands.co.uk">www.saveourheathlands.co.uk</a> or like our Facebook page.

#### Len Valley Benefice July 2021

#### Everybody is welcome

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:31* 

Sunday 4th July

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast

Church

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe:

Holy Communion (Book of

Common Prayer)

10.00 am Ulcombe: Informal

Service (Taizé-style)

Sunday 11th July

11.00am Ulcombe: Benefice

Holy Communion to celebrate

our curate's ordination

Lenham: Breakfast Church will

be joining the market on this

day.

Sunday 18th July

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:

**Holy Communion** 

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast

Service

11.00am Harrietsham: Morning

Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy

Communion

Sunday 25th July

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy

Communion

11.00am Boughton Malherbe:

Informal Service

11.00am Lenham: Morning

Worship

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy

Communion

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#### **Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle**

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George **Harrison**, One of the Fab Four Cool Hand Luke, Film drama with Paul Newman

Michael Crawford, Played by Frank Spencer in 'Some

Mungo Jerry, Who had a global hit with 'In The Summer

Sue Johnson, Actress who played Barbara in 'The Royal

Find the missing word?

A A Milne, Creator of 'Winnie the Pooh'
A Room With a View, A Novel by E M Forester

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High Noon, Classic Western

'Sultans of **Swing**', Hit for Dire Straits **Leonardo** Da Vinci, Italian Painter 8

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