



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

**July
- August
2023**

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

Priest in Charge: **Currently in an Interregnum (Awaiting appointment of a new Priest)**
Assistant Curate: **Rev. Deb. Scoble**, The Vicarage, Lyminge 862747 On Sick Leave
Hon. Curate: **Rev. Stephen Dougal**, Bereforstal Farm Bungalow, Elham 840750
Churchwardens: **Peter Le Feuvre** 863780 and **Chris Reynolds** 862436
Treasurer: **John Ayris** 07770-667214 PCC Secretary **Sarah Nicholls**
Safeguarding Officers: **Helen Calderbank and Sarah Montgomery** 863780

*If you have an item about an event in the villages that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact
Peter Le Feuvre, Normandy, The Street, Postling. Tel. 863780 or plefandsem@doctors.org.uk*

Botanical Treasures in Postling Churchyard

Thanks to the careful management of the churchyard, with areas left wild until the end of July, we had a profusion of wild flowers in bloom in early June. As part of the 'God's Acre' project, a group of us surveyed the area on two evenings, and found no less than 50 different species of wild flower. This included a Bee Orchid that has not been seen in the churchyard within the last 20 years.

Please let us know if you would like a list of the species that we found.

Once the flowers have seeded, the grass will be cut and we will then organise the 'Great Postling Rake-off'

On Friday 21st July at 5pm, you are invited to the annual task of shifting all of the grass before relaxing with a cool beer and a sense of satisfaction.

The search for the 56th Vicar of Postling is under way. At a meeting on the 6th June of the Church Councils of all of the seven parishes in the Benefice there was agreement on the profile of the person who we would wish to become our new vicar. The process is in motion and the timeline of the appointment procedure should allow this priest to be among us before Christmas.

**THE FAMOUS POSTLING PROGRESSIVE SUPPER WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST.
SAVE THE DATE! A PERSONAL INVITATION WILL FOLLOW.**

Under beautiful blue skies, Churchfield and West Court Lodge gardens were open under the National Garden Scheme on the first week-end in June. Thanks to the wonderful cakes baked in our village and all those who helped during the day, we succeeded in raising £976-65 for the church. Thank you!

Services in July and August 2023

Sunday 2nd July

9.30am Family Communion

Sunday 9th July

8.30am Breakfast Service

Sunday 16th July

9.30 am. Morning Service

Sunday 23rd July

No Service in Postling

Sunday 30th July

No Service in Postling

Sunday 6th August

9.30am Family Communion

Sunday 13th August

No Service in Postling

Sunday 20th August

No Service in Postling

Sunday 27th August

5.30pm Tea Service

Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

June 24th and July 1st

Nikki Clark and Jane Reynolds

July 8th and 15th

Anne Spratling and Genny Ferguson

July 22nd and 29th

Sachiyo Stevens and Maria Sudworth

August 5th and 12th

Jenny Haydock and Denise Burgess

August 19th and 26th

Gill Dixon

The 'Postling Coffee and Home-Made Cake' Mornings in the Church will continue to take place on the second Saturday of each month between 10am and noon in Postling's beautiful church. The next dates are Saturday 8th July and 12th August.

Jane Seymour (01303-862142) and Jenny Mannion (01303- 863341) are organising them and any offer of help will be gratefully received. Donations, in their entirety, are going to the Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford.

The Craft Days are back on Saturdays 1st July and 5th August in the Village Hall from 10am to 4pm.

The next Happy Hours are Friday 28th July and Friday 25th August, held in the church from 6pm. A great opportunity to have a chat and meet our friends and neighbours. If you would like to host a Happy Hour to mark a special occasion, please do let us know.

All profits go to the Folkestone Rainbow Centre that runs the Shepway Foodbank, Hythe Pantry and the Folkestone winter night shelter.

