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Front Cover: Some of the performers who acted in the 'Jack and The Beanstalk' Panto held in Grafty Green Village Hall on Saturday 25th January 2020. More pictures on page 9.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Prayer requests can be left in the church porch, which is always open. You will find a box with paper and pencil if you need them. Any requests, verbal or written, will be gathered and prayers said as soon as possible.

Morning Prayers take place in St. Nicolas at **9am on Mondays**, in All Saints, Ulcombe at 9am on Tuesdays, in St. Mary's, Lenham at 9.30am on Wednesdays and in St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham at 9.30am on Fridays.

Bible Study has already begun for this New Year, but don't let that deter you, you will be welcomed any time you can join in. The study takes place at Wierton Villa, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, the home of Joan Drury. Please contact Joan for more information on 01622 8537661.

Village Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall from 10.30am - 12noon on Wednesday 12th February. If last month's Coffee Morning is anything to go by, we will need to extend the tables and add lots more chairs! We would also like to enlarge our range of cakes especially to include more choice of gluten-free recipes. Do tell us of your favourite cake, biscuit and gluten-free recipes for us to try out. I am a great fan of Mary Berry as you may know!

Lent Lunches. This year our first Bread and Soup lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd March from 12-2pm at Bowley Oast West, the home of Kenneth and Sally Alexander, phone no. 01622 859549 if you need directions. All proceeds will be given to Christian Aid, to support their work worldwide.

The following dates and venues for the lunches will be published in next month's magazine.

Eco-spot. At home we have made a start with a purchase of a loose tea carton and new tea strainer! Hopefully no more need for teabags which can contain plastic. (As you may know, this never was a problem for me as I cannot bear tea!).

Also delighted to hear that Tesco is getting rid of the plastic wrappings on their multi-buy tins, baked beans, tuna etc. Let's hope all supermarkets will follow the lead

The petition is now available if you wish to protest against the 'new town' development around Lenham Heath and in Boughton Malherbe Parish. It is also available for you to sign up on line. Contact www.saveourheathlands.co.uk.

Sally Alexander



Charity 'Back to School' Quiz Night.

Saturday 22nd February.

7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Grafty Green Village Hall.

£8 per person / £35 for a team of 6 / £40 for a team of 8.

Price to include nibbles – bring a bottle and money for a raffle and other fun and games!

All proceeds will go to the PSP Association:

PSP

<https://pspassociation.org.uk/>. For further information or to book

tickets, please contact Sarah Hollingsbee: sarahhollingsbee@aol.com / 01622 863709.

Charity 'Back to School' Quiz Night for the PSP Association: Why?

Many of you will know of my dad, Steve Hollingsbee, who in recent years has been diagnosed with PSP (progressive supranuclear palsy). This is a neurological condition, which to put it simply causes parts of dad's brain to die off, subsequently affecting his physical and mental abilities. The progressive part of the illness means it will just get worse over time and there is no cure, but the PSP association, through charitable donations provide support and research into the disease. Dad also has the opportunity to attend a support group run by them every couple of months. Having a personal link to this charity prompted me to sign up to run the London Marathon 2020 as a way to raise awareness of, and raise money for the PSP association.

As part of my fundraising efforts to achieve my £1,800 target I will be hosting a charity quiz night in Grafty Green village hall on 22nd February and would welcome you all to help me achieve my goal. I also intend to hold a raffle on the night and would gratefully receive donations for his aspect of the evening and if you have anything to contribute please contact me: sarahhollingsbee@aol.com, 01622 863 709.

I look forward to seeing you in February, and thank you for your support,

Sarah Hollingsbee

GRAFTY GREEN VILLAGE HALL
PANCAKE EVENING



TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

4PM TO 7PM

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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Since our first Village Hall **Pancake Day** in 2018 the event has grown in popularity. Last year our pancake makers were fully occupied throughout the 2 hours of the event and extra batter was having to be produced at break-neck speed to keep up with demand. We hope it will be the same this year!

According to my Village Calendar, Shrove Tuesday this year falls on **25th February**, so that's when it will be happening.

We invite you to drop in to the Hall any time **between 4.45 and 6.45** to enjoy freshly cooked pancakes (sweet or savoury - or why not both?) and a chat with other villagers. Teas and coffees will be available. It's a family affair, so all ages are welcome. The tossing competition and pancake races are optional! There's no ticket to buy and no seat to reserve, just drift in when it suits you. We hope as many of you as possible will drop by and make the occasion sizzle!

Mention of the calendar reminds me that I need to invite you to offer yourself for next year's publication. Don't panic! You can keep all your clothes on! We're thinking that our theme may be "Pets and their Owners". If you have a cute (or maybe 'brutally handsome') pet we'd like to photograph you and it for the 2021 Village Calendar - and if you're too shy to be photographed yourself, don't worry, we'd be happy just to snap your best friend.

The pet, that is. Do get in touch. My email address is below.

Diary date: **Saturday 28 March** is the date of this year's **Themed Meal** at the Hall, and the theme is "**The '60s & 70s**". If you were around at the time, you'll enjoy the nostalgia of the cheese & pineapple cubes on sticks, melon boats, that new-fangled coq au vin, and Black Forest gateau (of course). If you weren't around then, come and see what you missed!

The music was the thing in the 60s & 70s, so there'll be all the familiar songs of the time as you eat, and afterwards **a live band** to dance (or just listen) to. Period dress encouraged, but not compulsory. Drugs to keep you going

through the night are fine - provided they're prescribed by your GP. Tickets available now from the village shop . (Veggie food option ✓)

Finally, if you enjoy table tennis but can't make the regular club nights, I should let you know that you can hire the hall at the usual modest rate and have use of the club's equipment for a token extra sum. So why not have your own table tennis evening with friends or neighbours when it suits you? Interested? Contact Carol Hulm for bookings (see the inside front page of this magazine for her contact details).

See you later alligators (at the Hall if you're cool). Man.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman and former hippy.
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VILLAGE HALL

60'S & 70'S NIGHT

THEMED MEAL

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TICKETS £15 FROM POST OFFICE

Some photos taken at the Panto held at Grafty Green Village Hall on Saturday 25th January 2020





HELEN WHATELY MP
Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Press Release

Helen comments: This New Year is an exciting moment for our country. It's a time to move on from past divisions, and be optimistic about the future. Our Parliament has new energy and purpose to deliver on people's priorities. Our businesses have confidence to invest, and wages are rising. Our communities are moving on from the arguments and anger of the last few years.

Whilst there will always be differences of opinion, we need to disagree with each other respectfully again.

I know there are still many people who feel left behind. The election result will not solve all our problems, but a Government with a working majority means we can focus on making life better for people and level up opportunities across the country. That's exactly what the Prime Minister wants to do.

I'm looking forward to getting back to Westminster and working hard for people in Faversham and Mid Kent.

I'm particularly impressed by the care and dedication of our emergency services at this time of year. Thank you to everyone who's been working tirelessly over Christmas and New Year to keep us safe and well - particularly helping people who've been flooded. The work of repairing homes and businesses needs to start straight away.

There's so much to look forward to in the year ahead; from the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham to the Open Championship coming to Kent, as well as building a new relationship with Europe. 2020 is a year full of opportunities

59 Bus Service

The long awaited new service is scheduled to commence on Monday 17th February. The first thing to say is that the schooldays 06.43 from Grafty Green to Maidstone and the 16.12 return service from Maidstone are unchanged. However, the Monday to Friday off peak and Saturday services will change considerably. There will be a more frequent service but buses will terminate at Park Wood Morrisons where those wishing to travel to Maidstone Town Centre will need to change buses and join the frequent service (at least every 10 minutes) for the rest of the journey. There will be similar arrangements for return journeys.



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7.30pm – 9.30pm
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01622 850806, Val Brown 01622 858147, Helen Hubble, 01622 859692,
Chris Roots 01622 851885

Unfortunately KCC have yet to publish the full details of the service and the final timetable but hopefully it will be possible to have copies available at Grafty Green Post Office by the time the new service starts. Details will also be put on the Boughton Malherbe parish website and in the March edition of Malherbe Monthly.

In the meantime, if you have any questions by all means contact me - contact details are on the Parish Council page of Malherbe Monthly.

John Collins
Boughton Malherbe PC's representative on the East of Maidstone Bus Group

Grafty Gourmet

Here's another very simple recipe for you to try. These chicken thighs are great with a fresh, zingy lemon flavour and a smoky flavour from the paprika. Serve with whatever takes your fancy, such as rice or vegetables.

Creamy Lemon Butter Chicken

8 chicken thighs (with bones and skin on)
1 tablespoon of smoked paprika
salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
3 tablespoons of unsalted butter
3 cloves of garlic (minced)
1 cup of chicken stock
1/2 cup of double cream
1/4 cup of freshly grated Parmesan
Juice of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon of dried thyme
2 cups of baby spinach (chopped)

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
2. Season chicken thighs with paprika, salt and pepper, to taste
3. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a frying pan over medium high heat. Add chicken, skin-side down, and sear both sides until golden brown, (about 2-3 minutes per side). Drain the excess fat and set aside.
4. Melt the remaining tablespoon of butter in the frying pan. Add the garlic, and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, (about 1-2 minutes). Stir in the chicken stock, heavy cream, Parmesan, lemon juice and thyme.
5. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to simmer. Stir in spinach, and simmer until the spinach has wilted and the sauce has slightly thickened, (about 3-5 minutes). Place the cream and spinach mixture in to a casserole dish and add the chicken.
6. Cover and place into the oven and roast until completely cooked through, (about 25-30 minutes). Serve immediately.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Update

Traffic Calming - Progress Report

Further to the resolutions recorded in the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2019, the first stage of preparing a new drawing upon which the revised traffic calming scheme will be superimposed has been completed.

The drawing is A1 size at 1: 1000 minimum scale showing the full length of Headcorn Road through Grafty Green with more information than shown on the first scheme drawings. The aim has been to take account of comments by residents about the non readability of those first scheme drawings.

The drawing will not be issued until after all traffic calming details have been added following a meeting with KCC to discuss residents suggestions on the 30th January 2020.

**Chris Hume Parish Clerk
Boughton Malherbe PC
07972 630555**

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

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Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Joan Marriott 01622 858100 or Robert Turner 01622 850325

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Yoga Classes at Grafty Green Village

Yoga Classes

Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evening 5th, 12th and
19th February at 7 pm

Thursday morning 5th and 13th
February at 9.30.

I am taking a break to visit
Himalayan India, therefore no
classes until March 19th and 20th.

Gong Bath – 11th February at 7 for
7.30, booking essential £10.

More details from Sue Burch –
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Children's Room Beer Garden

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

| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
|----|---------|----------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | Contest | Sleep | Spot | Beauty |
| 2 | Skinny | Sheep | Stick | |
| 3 | Shadow | Ride | Fly | |
| 4 | Sewing | Fruit | Gun | |
| 5 | Reading | Subject | Grey | |
| 6 | Maiden | Stage | Last | |
| 7 | Large | Ordinary | Special | |
| 8 | Early | Down | Words | |
| 9 | Episode | Whale | Light | |
| 10 | Works | Wool | Cold | |
| 11 | Reader | Sound | Fool | |
| 12 | Menu | Twin | Sun | |
| 13 | Brown | Cube | Cane | |
| 14 | Whistle | Glass | Mind | |
| 15 | Hand | Small | Second | |
| 16 | Curtain | Fund | Fire | |

| | Find the missing word? |
|----|--|
| 1 | Pretty _____, 1990 Movie with Julie Roberts |
| 2 | Deacon _____, Scottish band who sang 'Dignity' |
| 3 | _____ Faltskog, Singer with ABBA |
| 4 | David _____, Won the Premier League with Manchester United |
| 5 | _____ Pugh, Was the name of Ruth Madoc's character in Hi-Di-Hi |
| 6 | Hatton _____, London thoroughfare famous for the Diamond Trade |
| 7 | _____ Eye, Star of The Walking Dead |
| 8 | Rodney _____, Name shared by England Footballer & Aussie Cricketer |
| 9 | Quentin _____, Director of Pulp Fiction |
| 10 | The X _____, Talent Show |

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Our speaker for the February meeting is Dr. Tim Ingram who has a plant nursery in Faversham and beautiful garden that is often open under the National Gardens Scheme. He is a member of the Alpine Garden Society and the Kent Group of the Hardy Plant Society.

Doors will be open from 7 and the talk will begin around 7.30. Tea/Coffee is served free, entry for visitors is £2; membership for the year is £5 and entry on the door £1

Programme 2020

| Date | Speaker/Event | Topic |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 7 th January | AGM and Kevin Tooher | Winter Interest |
| 4th February | Dr. Tim Ingram | Snowdrops |
| 3 rd March | Jacqueline Anthony | National Garden Scheme – how it works |
| 7 th April | Spring Show, Lucy Adams from Doddington | Dry Gardens |
| Sat 2 nd May | Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet | |
| Sat 9 th May | Coach outing to Leonardslee | |
| Sat 13 th June | Garden Safari | |
| 7 th July | Outing (own transport) to Sandgate Castle Community garden | |
| 4 th August | Visit to Doddington House Garden | |
| 1 st September | Autumn Show & Floral Art Competition for Margaret Hoad Prize | |
| 11 th – 13 th Sept. | Weekend away in Herefordshire, Cotswolds Wildlife Park & Gardens, Moores Meadow Gardens, Stockton Bury Gardens, Oxford Botanical Gardens, staying at The Penyard Hotel, Ross on Wye, | |
| 6 th October | Ian Gray, Mammal Society | Hedgehogs |
| 3 rd November | Simon Ginnaw | A Year in Mote Park |
| 1 st December | Social and Quiz | |

The Garden in February - It is time to prune those overgrown evergreen shrubs and to finish off with a feed of organic fertilizer and then to mulch them well. Dahlia tubers can be potted up to provide shoots for cuttings later. If you already have snowdrops growing you could add some winter aconites for some Spring colour. In the kitchen garden it is time to plant your shallots in a well prepared and fertilized bed.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club



Lenham Film Club

at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way

Friday February 14th (evening)

Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm

Running time: 1hr 45 mins

How better to celebrate Valentine's Day than by coming along to see *Sleepless in Seattle*, the romantic comedy that would surely have delighted Saint Valentine himself if third-century Rome had been lucky enough to have film clubs like ours. Starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, *Sleepless in Seattle* is the story of how Jonah, the young son of widowed architect Sam Baldwin, decides it's time for his father to find another wife and sets up a talk-radio session for him, much to Sam's annoyance. Cue journalist Annie Reed (played by Meg Ryan) who hears Sam on the radio. Come along and see this most romantic of rom-coms to find out what happens next!

For more information please check out our website (www.lenhamfilmclub.org) or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com. Keep an eye open for our posters (it's possible we might slip in an extra performance during the month), follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub), perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4.

Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

Neighbourhood Watch Message

Protect yourself from ATM theft

It's a good idea to scan the area around ATMs before you use them. Be aware of anyone standing close by and always check the machine to see if it's been tampered with before you use it.

Tell-tale signs of ATM fraud

Things to look out for are devices attached to the machine – some are more obvious than others. If you do see something suspicious contact the police and the bank.

Remember, if it doesn't look or feel right then steer clear and, if possible, go inside the bank where it will be safer. And always keep a regular check on your transactions.

Be alert

We know it's not always easy, but try to be aware of anyone near you when you're at an ATM. Being aware of your surroundings and not being distracted makes it harder for people to take advantage and less likely that they'll try to.

Thieves will watch as you key in your PIN or distract you while you're withdrawing cash. Be vigilant. Cover your PIN and keep an eye on your card at all times. If someone taps you on the shoulder or tries to speak to you, just ignore them.

When you've left the ATM, put your card away immediately.

You should also be careful with contactless cards. You can get a card holder to prevent your card details being inadvertently read.

PSE 61170 Pria Webster
Volunteers & Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer
West Kent Police

SOHL (“Save Our Heath Lands”) We have achieved so much in such a short space of time!!

In October 2019, local residents came to together to form SOHL, a resident’s action group to fight Maidstone Borough Council’s (“MBC”) plans to build 5,000 houses on the doorstep of Lenham village.

A lot has been achieved since then. Shortly after the first residents’ meeting on 14 October 2019 attended by over 200 villagers, a small band of volunteers met to form the SOHL Committee. The group have been busy bringing together the local community to oppose the council’s proposal by meeting with community groups, charities, neighbouring parish councils, MPs and other action groups. They’ve held an information session for residents, organised protests outside the Council’s offices and challenged the Council’s leadership with poignant questions at the full council meeting on 18 December. At this meeting they supported our local borough councillors Tom and Janetta Sams, in their motion to seek further debate on the council’s local housing plans and numbers.

The Borough Council has made a cross-party undertaking to challenge the Government on its housing numbers – let’s hope they deliver on this promise.

MBC has recently instructed its Director of Regeneration and Place to take personal charge in continuing to develop the scheme and to step away from the Local Plan Review. This clearly demonstrates the Borough Council is throwing its full weight behind the proposal well in advance of any public consultation.

SOHL's purpose is to stop Maidstone Boroughs Council’s Garden Community at Lenham Heath in its entirety. This Garden Community proposal is both unrealistic and unsustainable and will devastate both our local environment and community.

Don’t let our village be turned into a dormitory town – by joining together as one community voice we can fight this proposal. Visit our new website for more information on the proposals and to find out more about our future plans – www.saveourheathlands.co.uk or follow us one of our social media pages below.

Make your voice heard by joining our campaign

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Kind regards

SOHL Committee

New History of All Saints Church Ulcombe

On Thursday the 26th of March at 7.00 pm in Ulcombe Church, the new *History of Ulcombe church* will be presented by The Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe, at an Open Evening with wine and nibbles.

There have been several histories of the church over the years but they are now out of print and outdated. The last one was written by Geoffrey Moorcoft with help from Molly Poulter in the 1980s. Only a few archival copies remain.

Now, Molly Poulter has rewritten the History with much new information. The first part describes the History of Ulcombe Church from its first foundation in the eighth century. All Saints, Ulcombe, is one of the very few Collegiate churches in Kent which she describes in some detail. The second half of the book is presented as a guided tour of the church with a numbered plan, starting from the church entrance.

It is beautifully illustrated and designed, with photographs taken by Chris Rigby and design by Molly's daughter, Alex Hawes.

The book has been financed by the Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe, who have decided to give a copy of the history to each household in Ulcombe (following the precedent set when *Ulcombe's Story* was produced for the Millennium in 2004).

Do come and join us and collect your complimentary copy.

February Music Notes

Our local choirs seem to be busy practicing in February, rather than performing, but there are some splendid music events, to meet a variety of tastes, plus the not-to-be missed local Pantos. There may be others – watch out for other local publicity. Do make an effort to get out on at least one of these Winter evenings to support the performers of February events:

- Saturday Feb. 1st 7.30 pm at Mote Hall Maidstone ME15 7RN, The Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert features famous clarinettist Emma Johnson, playing concertos by Weber and Malcolm Arnold and also includes Elgar's Enigma Variations. Tickets 033 666 3366. Come early for the free pre-concert talk (6.40-7.10pm).
- Friday 7th Feb. at 7.30pm and Sat 8th Feb. at 2.30pm and 7.30pm in Leeds Village Hall, – The Leeds Amateur Dramatic Society pantomime is Aladdin. Tickets 01622 862467 or online at Ticketsource/LADSaladdin.
- Wed 12th Feb – Sat 15th Feb at 7.30pm plus 2.30pm on 15th, in Hollingbourne village hall, the Hollingbourne panto is based on the gothic horror Frankenstein, but the organisers assure us it is a traditional comedy with a happy ending! Tickets Tel:07977 497324
- Sunday 16th Feb. 2.30pm at Groves Hall, Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society give an afternoon concert featuring the Monte Piano Trio with works by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Beach. Tickets at the door include tea with home-made cakes!! Info (only) 01732 843129
- Saturday 29th February 7.30pm at the Central Theatre, Chatham, The City of Rochester Symphony orchestra has a programme featuring British composers, including Walton, Vaughan Williams and Elgar. Tickets (theatre box office) 01634 338338

Item from the Musicians' dictionary;

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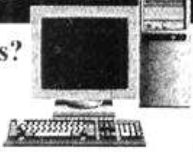
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You can use it without a subscription and still get alerts plus view live video. The ring automatically saves video for 24 hours without a subscription. For subscription prices see: <https://www.safehome.org/doorbell-cameras/ring/>

Can you connect ring to two phones?

One Ring account can be used to control multiple devices.

Does ring require WiFi? (Internet connection)

If you have a slow internet connection, you might not be satisfied with the Ring doorbell. Because of its features, the Ring doorbell requires a reasonably high-speed internet connection to perform correctly.

Google **Ring** to get more questions answered and discover what packages and products are available.

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 it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

Christian Message February 2020

The following is an extract from our new Bishop's address at her installation in Canterbury Cathedral on November 30th.

'Let us think what it might look like for us in Kent if the name of Jesus enabled us to be a unifying body. That instead of focussing on the things that separate us, we focussed on the things we share in common. What if we were to recognise his presence, as we seek to ensure that the resources we have been blessed with, are not for amassing personal wealth but to be shared in such a way that our brothers and sisters in poverty are no longer in need'.

Bishop Rose continued, "God's presence in our midst changes the kind of relationship we have with Him and with each other. This is at the heart of the Good News message we are called to share. We are deeply mistaken if the kind of relationship we seek with God is so personal and private that we exclude our brothers and sisters around us or, indeed, as we are in Kent on the frontier, if we exclude our brothers and sisters from one another.

If we are going to experience the oneness of purpose that Jesus prayed for then we will need to be identified more with the name of Jesus. For too long we have been embarrassed to be associated with him. We have kept him hidden in our beautiful churches and cathedrals that we visit on our terms, for weddings, baptisms, funerals or other such special occasions like Christmas or the mandatory school service. If we are going to ignite the communities from which we come, indeed the county of Kent, then everyone of us will need to reassess our relationship with the name Jesus.'

The Bishop challenged those in the cathedral to think about how they might share the Gospel in a natural way on social media; challenge policy makers and make decisions that will help their community.

There will be an opportunity to meet Bishop Rose in St Mary's Church, Lenham, on Sunday June 28th. Do come!

The annual **World Prayer Day** service will be held in St Mary's Church Lenham on Friday March 6th at 10.30am. Zimbabwe will be the focus of our prayers this year.



Just in case you have not heard about Messy Church, it is a series of free family events that run throughout the year, organised by the local churches of Harrietsham, Lenham, Ulcombe and Boughton Malherbe. It's called 'Messy' because it's fun and informal and not like a church service at all...please come and try it out! We do crafty stuff, making things,

stories and drama, games, music, films, and free food! We have also collected a huge stash of LEGO to build with:



This year's programme:

15/02/20 Messy Movie, Lenham, 5-7pm
10/04/20 Messy Easter, Lenham, 10.30am-12pm
11/07/20 Messy BBQ & Movie, Ulcombe, 5-7pm
19/09/20 Messy Movie, Lenham, 5-7pm
31/10/20 Messy Church, Harrietsham 5-7pm
28/11/20 Messy Movie, Lenham, 5-7pm
12/12/20 Messy Christingle, Lenham, 3- 5pm

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Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – February 2020

Sunday 2nd February

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

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

9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship

11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th February

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 9th February

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 16th February

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 19th February

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge: Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd February

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

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Big Breakfast Service

11.00am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
| 1 | Contest | Sleep | Spot | Beauty |
| 2 | Skinny | Sheep | Stick | Dip |
| 3 | Shadow | Ride | Fly | Over |
| 4 | Sewing | Fruit | Gun | Machine |
| 5 | Reading | Subject | Grey | Matter |
| 6 | Maiden | Stage | Last | Name |
| 7 | Large | Ordinary | Special | Extra |
| 8 | Early | Down | Words | Closing |
| 9 | Episode | Whale | Light | Pilot |
| 10 | Works | Wool | Cold | Steel |
| 11 | Reader | Sound | Fool | Proof |
| 12 | Menu | Twin | Sun | Set |
| 13 | Brown | Cube | Cane | Sugar |
| 14 | Whistle | Glass | Mind | Blowing |
| 15 | Hand | Small | Second | Holding |
| 16 | Curtain | Fund | Fire | Kaiser |

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| | Find the missing word? |
| 1 | Pretty Women , 1990 Movie with Julie Roberts |
| 2 | Deacon Blue , Scottish band who sang 'Dignity' |
| 3 | Agnetha Faltskog, Singer with ABBA |
| 4 | David Beckham , Won the Premier League with Manchester United |
| 5 | Glady's Pugh, Was the name of Ruth Madoc's character in 'Hi-Di-Hi' |
| 6 | Hatton Garden , London thoroughfare famous for the Diamond Trade |
| 7 | Trevor Eye, Star of The Walking Dead |
| 8 | Rodney Marsh , Name shared by England Footballer & Aussie Cricketer |
| 9 | Quentin Tarantino , Director of Pulp Fiction |
| 10 | The X Factor , Talent Show |

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