



“NEWS from the PEWS”

The Parish of POSTLING

Part of the Elham Valley Group of Churches

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

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The Rector's wonderings

The beginning of a New Year is often a time when we look over the past year, take stock and consider how we might make some improvement to our lives. New Year's resolutions become very popular. For Christians it's a time for us to consider our gifts and talents, and what we can give to God and the church in terms of our service.

We are asked to think about our vocation (calling) like the magi, are you being called to something new? There were a record number of baptisms in some benefice churches last year, including 3 adult baptisms - these were lovely surprises to all those concerned.

Encountering Jesus in the waters of our baptism, we are called to be children of God. It's something which doesn't leave us, no matter what happens to us in life.

You are never too old to come to Christ, please get in touch with your local church or priest if you want to explore your journey further. I would love to baptise even more adults this year!

Whether we would call ourselves Christians or not, the prayer of St Teresa of Avila reminds us of our calling; *Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Revd Carol



Christmas in Postling, 2025. The Christmas Eve Crib Service. Appropriately, it was The Baby that stole the show!

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the village, £515.00 was collected during the Christmas celebrations, that will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Gaza

Services in January-February 2026

Sunday 4th January
8.30am Breakfast Service

Sunday 11th January
9.30am Holy Communion
Note change of time

Sunday 18th January
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th January
No Service in Postling

Sunday 1st February
No Service in Postling

Sunday 8th February
9.30am Holy Communion
Note change of time

Sunday 15th February
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd February
No Service in Postling

Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

January 3 rd and 10 th	Jenny and Denise
January 17 th and 24 th	Sachiyo and Maria
January 31 st and 7 th February	Gill
February 14 th and 21 st	Christine
February 28 th and March 7 th	Annette and Carole

The **Craft Days** continue on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall from 10am to 4pm. The next ones are 3rd January and the 7th February. If you would like more details or to know what activities there will be , please message Anne on 07795 555486.

The **Coffee Mornings** begin again in March.

Happy Hours continue every month. The next ones will be Friday 23rd January and Friday 27th February, from 6-7pm in the Church.

If you would like to host a Happy Hour to mark a special occasion, please do let us know.

Thanks to everybody's generosity at Happy Hour, we raised £891-44 for the Folkestone Rainbow Centre in 2025

At a recent meeting of the Postling Church Council, in response to a Canterbury Diocese planning and support initiative, members agreed the following statement:

Looking ahead three to five years, we hope Postling will be known as a friendly and caring parish where people of all ages feel welcome. Our church will be a place of prayer, worship, and community life. We will continue to care for our beautiful church building so that it can support the Church's mission for generations to come.

Congratulations to Jim and Sarah, and Philip and Sachiyo who both scored 14/15 in the Postling Christmas Quiz, and to Philip and Sachiyo who won the tie- breaker

Date for your diary! The 2026 Postling Open Gardens will be on the weekend of
6th to 7th June

