



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

**May  
- June  
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](mailto:plefandsem@doctors.org.uk)*

**PLANS FOR POSTLING CORONATION CELEBRATIONS**

For Residents, Family and Friends

*Further details on the flyer that should have come through your door*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. 6pm Barn Dance at Pent Farm with 'Abbey Capers Barn Dance Band'. Bring your own food to share, and drink. No ticket needed.  
9.30pm Lighting of a Beacon on the hill

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2pm Walking Treasure Hunt around the village. Meet in front of the church  
4pm Coronation Tea. To be held in The Street (The road will be closed). Bring food to share, and an entry for the 'Postling Coronation Bake-Off' Bring a themed Baked Item (anything baked will qualify) to be judged by Georgia, and then eaten by all of us!  
A Coronation Oak Tree will be planted in the Churchyard at the end of the afternoon.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

**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.**

**Churchfield and West Court Lodge will be opening their gardens under the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. As is the tradition, teas, coffees and cakes will be available in the village hall, with all proceeds going to Postling Church. This is a huge fund raiser for our local church. We will be asking for your help and your awesome cake making skills.**

**If you are available to help with serving in the village hall, please contact Anne Spratling on 07795-555486**

**If you are able to make a cake (or two) please let Annette Battersby know on 07921-139879**

## Services in May and June 2023

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

9.30am Family Communion

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May *Rogation Sunday*

7pm Evening service of Compline

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

9.30 am. Morning Service

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

No Service in Postling

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Family Communion

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

5.30pm Tea Service

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Morning Service

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

No Service in Postling

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

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Elisa Croucher and Pam Webster

May 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Jane Seymour and Jenny Mannion

May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kerry Lock and Natalia Woods

June 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Malliet Pattrick and Sarah Nicholls

June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>

Nikki Clark and Jane Reynolds

In March, our new inspecting architect, Katherine Rutherford carried out the five-year inspection of the church. She found the church to be well maintained and in generally good condition. There is some work to do in the bell tower where part of the bell frame is slightly rotten and working loose. While we have not yet received her report, it seems that there is no major work to be undertaken. Chris Reynolds will attend to the issue in the bell tower.

The Craft Days are taking a break, but will be back on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July in the Village Hall from 10am to 4pm.

The next Happy Hours are Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

**Come and get to know the range of plants in the Churchyard. We will be surveying the flowers in the churchyard from 6 - 7 pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Come and share your knowledge or to join in and learn.**

