

The next meeting will be on **March 11th at 10.00am.** and will be a felt picture making workshop led by Josie Chisholm. Please bring an apron, a plastic bottle (i.e., a shampoo bottle) and an old towel. Also, think about what sort of picture you would like to make. The link to Josie's website is on our website.

Margaret Alcock



ITEMS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for next month's news-sheet, please forward to Beth Lewsey,
by 24th March, by email if possible,
to: parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org
or deliver to 20 Castle Avenue. (Tel 01303 264577) Thank you!

Leaving you with a smile ...

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton matting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goes.'

(With thanks to one of our regular readers!)



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Electoral Roll – Annual Revision (6th March to 27th March)

Each year our Electoral Roll (church membership list) is revised to reflect changes in membership. If you are not already on the roll then you are invited to complete an application form and return it to Mary Hunter or one of the Wardens – these forms can be found at the back of church from Sunday 27th February. If you prefer, please contact the Rector to have one posted or emailed to you.



Castle Green W I

President Julie Andrews welcomed thirty-six members and one guest to the February meeting. Mary Wheatley was thanked for the flower arrangement of daffodils and snowdrops, a hint of Spring. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and signed.

Knit and Natter – Jackie Vickerman showed members a Twiddle Muff which the group are currently making. These will be sent to local care homes.

Walking group – Gill Chapman drew members attention to a walk on Samphire Hoe on May 17th organised by East Kent Federation.

Further information about the above-mentioned groups and the **Patchwork** group can be found on the Castle Green website.

Resolutions for NFWI Annual Meeting – members were asked to vote on which two resolutions they would want to go forward to the Annual Meeting in June; Tackling Digital Exclusion and Appropriate Sentencing for Non-Violent Women Offenders were the two chosen.

Romany Cowans asked if anyone would be interested in an outing later in the year. The response was very much in favour.

After coffee, cakes, and a chat with friends we welcomed our speaker Vena East. Vena told us about Tai Chi and how she got involved with it; she then invited us to stand (or sit) as she led us through gentle warm-up exercises. She then moved on to different movements explaining each one in turn. The grand finale came when Vena put on soothing music, and we went through all the movements again in one continuous sequence. Kay Hygate gave the vote of thanks which was heartily endorsed by all the members.

SALTWOOD VILLAGE SOCIETY

OUR PROGRAMME OF TALKS STARTS AGAIN. NOW ON
THURSDAYS AT THE LADS' CLUB, RECTORY LANE

THURSDAY MARCH 10TH 7.30pm

FAN BAY DEEP SHELTER

A fascinating - and surprising – talk about the
WW2 structures both overground and
underground at the White Cliffs of Dover ...

No hard hat or torch required!

BY NATIONAL TRUST VOLUNTEER, GORDON WISE

Village news/Raffle/Free refreshments

Members £3, Non- Members £5

ALL WELCOME

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 19th March
10.30am – 12.30pm

This month's nominated charity:
Alzheimer's Society

A letter from our Rector

We are in Lent, the countdown to Easter. For me and for many Christians it is the most important celebration of the most significant event in human history. There are other celebrations in the year, such as Christmas; major events were, and still are, celebrated with great feasts. Prior to major feasts people would fast, go without food and pleasures to demonstrate their dedication to God. This time of sacrifice then ended with celebrations that included feasting. Today we feast but do not tend to fast first: we have lost sight and overindulge, taking God for granted.

Before Jesus lived, his people appeased God with animal sacrifices. Jesus said that he was 'The Lamb of God', the final sacrifice. From that time on a relationship with God has been open to anyone who chooses. Easter marks the death of Jesus in the most gruelling way imaginable. This event is clearly evidenced in the history books of the time. Jesus lived and he was crucified. What many people find difficult is to accept that Jesus was the son of God. I place my belief on personal experience, the experience of others that I trust, and the fact no right-minded person can challenge what Jesus taught. Peace, love, forgiveness, putting others first, etc, all beyond human ability. This teaching is the very foundation of our society and the societies around the world where we have had influence.

Christians began schooling, hospitals, social reform, even our free health service and our police service. Responses to a need of people by people who deeply cared for others. Many who do not go to church or even consider themselves Christian live by these principles. They bring their children to be baptised to show that they want them to be raised and to live by these Christian principals.

Then comes the hardest fact to grasp: that Jesus overcame death so that we can live in heaven after this life. Witnesses to this run into many hundreds not just a few of Jesus' followers. We can only make up our own minds on this based on our understanding and experience.

It is the most important decision of our lives; can we afford to get it wrong? I know it is hard, because not all Christians believe the same things. I am often horrified at what some Christians believe. I recommend, remembering a time I didn't understand it all, that we make informed decisions based on research and careful thought.

Please have a joyful time this Easter,

Rev Barry

**Diary –
St Peter and St Paul**



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| Wednesday 2nd | 10.00 | Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club |
| <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | 19.00 | Ash Wednesday Communion Service |
| Thursday 3rd | 19.00 | Choir Practice – N.B. The choir practises every Thursday at 7pm |
| Friday 4th | 14.00 | World Day of Prayer – service at Saltwood |
| Sunday 6th | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| <i>The First Sunday of Lent</i> | 09.40 | Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel, |
| | 10.00 | Parish Communion |
| Wednesday 9th | 10.00 | Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club |
| Saturday 12th | 12.00 | Lent lunches in the Lads' Club |
| Sunday 13th <i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i> | 09.00 | Holy Communion - Pedlinge |
| | 09.40 | Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel, |
| | 10.00 | 'Hooba' Family Service |
| Wednesday 16th | 10.00 | Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club |

interesting and informative talks and activities. For further information about our group, please contact **Jill Page on 01303 263756.**

Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne

Lympne's long history is revealing many archaeological finds dating from the medieval period back to the Bronze Age 4000 years ago, but particularly from the Roman period when there was a port and then Saxon Shore Fort. SHAL has two highly respected metal detectorists, Simon Read and Andy Fyfield, who use their detecting equipment to locate new finds in Lympne. Their presentation to SHAL's February meeting described in detail the detecting process, from how to detect targets, pinpointing the exact location, gently exposing the find and retrieving it from the ground, then recording it in a Finds Location record, followed by careful cleaning and preserving. Wax polish is used on coins to allow identification of which Roman Emperor's period it belonged so as to date it. The final stage is to register the find in the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). Objects over 300 years' old are notified to the Kent Officer for the PAS Scheme, and all finds recorded by the SHAL team. Apart from coins of different periods, finds included iron weights for trading, and a brooch, buckle and keys from the Roman period. The overall aim is to catalogue the finds to display.

For the 15 March meeting, the speaker will be Cheriton historian, Vince Williams, who will talk on 'Fictional Writers in Folkestone'.

We are still seeking a Treasurer to succeed Guy Topham. Apart from keeping the books, the role involves handling Gift Aid donations and presenting income and expenditure figures. Those interested should contact SHAL Chair, Rosemary Stutchbury, on 01303 266966 or at rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk We welcome new members to join a thriving and friendly group which attracts knowledgeable speakers in history and archaeology.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



March

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| Sunday 6 th | 11.00 | Parish Communion |
| Thursday 10 th | 13.30 | Visiting Bell-ringers |
| Sunday 13 th | 11.00 | Hooba Family Service |
| Saturday 19 th | 10.30 | Coffee morning |
| Sunday 20 th | 11.00 | Morning Worship |
| Sunday 27 th | 11.00 | Parish Communion |

Steve's Sunday Club, with fun groups of children aged 3 - 10 years, is held on Sunday mornings in the Harry Margary Hall during school term times from 10.45 - 12.00 noon (except on the 2nd Sunday of the month when we lead the Family Service). The **Monday Club** for young people aged 11 - 16 years is also held from 5.30 - 7.00 pm.

New faces to both groups are always very welcome.

For more information please ring **Christine Clover** on **03000 301662**

Lympne Fellowship Group—A highly interesting talk in February about the charity Porchlight increased our awareness of the plight of the homeless, and the support this charity gives in helping those living on the streets, in their supported housing and in local communities. They work with over 9000 individuals and families every year, helping people to work towards reaching their full potential by breaking down the barriers to housing, mental and physical health, work, education, financial independence or daily living skills.

Our next meeting will be a talk about **Norway**, followed by refreshments and time to socialise and catch up with old friends and new.

Lympne Fellowship meets in the afternoon, in the Harry Margary Hall on the second Thursday of the month, with a programme of

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| Saturday 19th | 10.30 | Coffee Morning at Lympne Church |
| | 16.00 | MESSY CHURCH in the Lads' Club |
| Sunday 20th <i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.40 | Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel, |
| | 10.00 | Parish Communion |
| Wednesday 23rd | 10.00 | Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club |
| Thursday 24th | | Last date for entries to the April magazine |
| Saturday 26th | N.B. | Clocks go forward one hour tonight |
| Sunday 27th <i>Mothering Sunday: the Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> | 09.40 | Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel |
| | 10.00 | Parish Communion |
| Tuesday 29th | 14.00 | Cinema Club in the Lads' Club |
| Wednesday 30th | 10.00 | Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club |

A LENTEN PRAYER FOR MARCH

Dear God, Your will is always pleasing and perfect. I have many plans in my heart, but I know that You will still prevail. May my heart, mind, and spirit be aligned with Yours. I know that Your ways and thoughts are higher and better than mine. Help me examine my deeds and take a closer look at myself so I can change and improve. If I have habits that offend You, make them known to me, and please give me the courage and strength to get rid of them. So, help me, God. Thank You, Father. Amen.

MONTHLY PRAYER EVENING



Please note that as it will be Ash Wednesday on the first Wednesday of the month, there will be no evening Prayer Meeting in March.

INTERCESSIONS FOR MARCH



Today we pray especially for.....

- 1 Those who live in Castle Road, Kiln Corner, The Close and Castle Crescent
- 2 Businesses in our parish
- 3 The Barnabas Trust
- 4 Those struggling with addiction, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 5 St Mary & St Ethelburga Lyminge, St Mary Postling and All Saints Stanford
- 6 Those who live in Cylinder Road and Freshfield Lane
- 7 Christian communities facing persecution
- 8 Our ministry team
- 9 Village community groups
- 10 Our own discipleship as a community of faith
- 11 Those who live in Fairlight Road and Harpswood Lane
- 12 Carol Cooke and Barbara Fittall, our Churchwardens, and the members of the PCC
- 13 Our local hospitals and Tricia Hill who leads the Canterbury hospital chaplaincy team
- 14 The Queen and the Royal Family
- 15 Those with physical and mental health needs and those who care for them, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 16 Our prayer groups
- 17 Those who live in New Road and The Coppice
- 18 Messy Church
- 19 Deanery Synod, its committees and officers
- 20 St Mary & St Eanswythe Folkestone, and St Peter Folkestone
- 21 Those who live in Tanners Hill, Tanners Hill Gardens and Deedes Close
- 22 Barry, our Rector
- 23 The bereaved and those who care for them, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 24 Esuubi – Ugandan Orphans



Saltwood Cinema Club

will be showing

The Lost Daughter

on Tuesday 29th March 2022

at 2pm in the Lads' Club

The Lost Daughter is a 2021 psychological drama film based on the 2006 novel by Elena Ferrante. The film stars Olivia Coleman, Dakota Johnson, and Jessie Buckley; Olivia Coleman also serves as an executive producer on the film. She plays the role of Leda, a middle-aged divorcee devoted to her work as an English teacher and to her two children. When her daughters leave home to be with their father in Canada she decides to take a holiday by the sea, in a small coastal town in Greece. But after a few days of calm and quiet, things take a menacing turn. The seemingly serene tale of a woman's pleasant rediscovery of herself soon becomes the story of a ferocious confrontation with an unsettled past.

Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake

All proceed to the Lads' Club Funds



MONDAY CHATS



Remember that you are always welcome to call into the Lads' Club for a friendly cuppa, cake and chat each Monday afternoon, 2-4pm

(Carol & Geoff Cooke 07795 100 441)



The Sunday Club is coming to the Lads' Club!

Starting on **Sunday 24th April** from 10-11am during term time.

We have fun groups for children aged 3-4, 5-7, & 8-10 years old.

We have a wonderful time with all sorts of art & crafts and cooking, games and lots of drama for the 8-10 year olds.

No charge, but donations accepted.



- 25 Saltwood Primary School – Paul Newton, his staff and pupils
- 26 Those who live on The Green, Old Saltwood Lane and Conway Close
- 27 St Luke Hawkinge and St Martin Acrise
- 28 Rose, Bishop of Dover and Darren, Archdeacon of Ashford
- 29 Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 30 Our Toddler groups
- 31 Those who provide music for our worship

LENT GROUPS

Please do watch out for news of this year's Lent Groups in Rev Barry's weekly news-bulletin, and sign up. Lent gives us all an opportunity to pause, reflect and seek renewal.



LENT LUNCHES



It has been decided because of Covid and the need for reasonable protection that we shall hold just two Lent lunches this year; one on 12th March and the other on 9th April. Lists will go up shortly and it will be helpful though not imperative, to make a rough note of who is coming. We will, as usual, need your assistance with soup-making, refreshments

and various other help, including ...

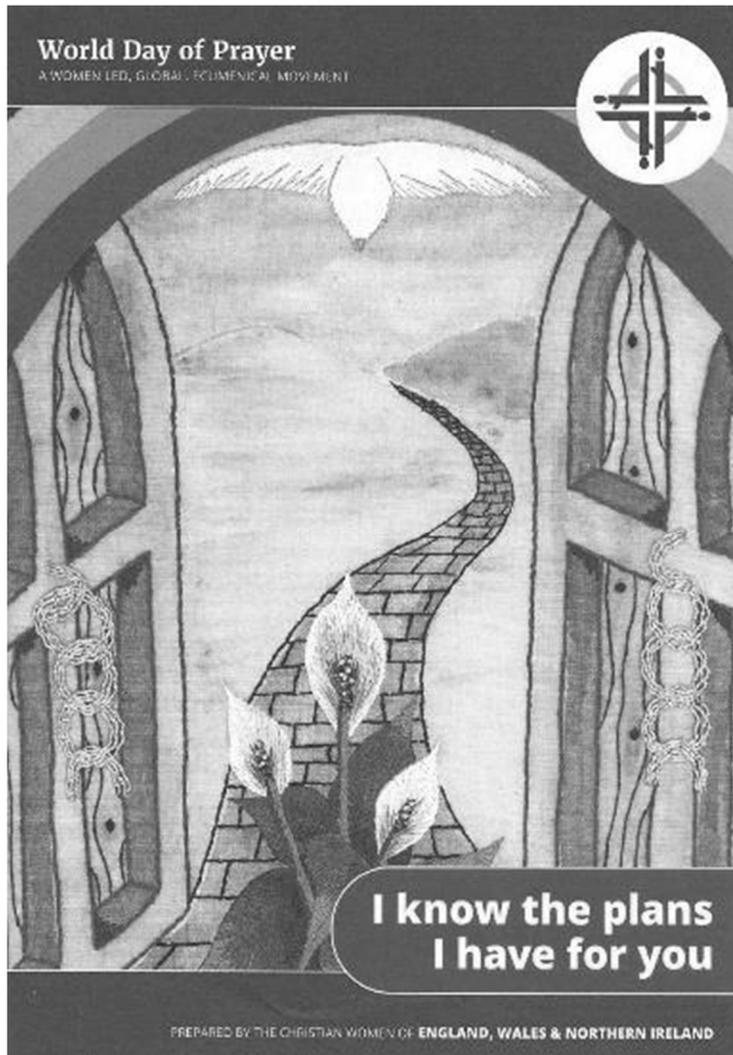


... contributions for the cake & preserves stall. Please ensure that food is wrapped (for example in clear film-wrap) for health and hygiene safety.



Sue Beggs & Carol Cooke

It is a privilege that this year the local **2022 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is being held at **SALTWOOD CHURCH on Friday 4th March at 2pm**. The service has been prepared by women in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and will be used across the world, over a 24-hour period, so do come and be part of this wonderful, international act of worship!



N.B This service will be live-streamed

Benefice of Saltwood and Lympne

LENT LUNCHES

In the Lads' Club

Saturdays 12th March and 9th April

12 noon – 2pm

(last orders: 1.30)

Adults £5.00; Children £2.00

**Home-made soup
Fresh rolls, cheese
and chutney
Tea and Coffee**

**Cake & Preserves
stall**



Everyone welcome!