

Due to the traffic problems on the M20 caused by Operation Brock, among other factors, our speaker had cancelled her visit to us. However, at very short notice our committee had come up with Plan B. After an extended coffee break, we settled down to a Bingo session with Daphne Gazeley as our caller followed by two quizzes all of which were great fun.

Margaret Alcock gave an impromptu vote of thanks.

The next meeting is on **May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am** when we will have our Birthday Breakfast followed by discussion and voting on the resolutions for the NFWI Annual Meeting in June.

**Margaret Alcock**



### ITEMS FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for next month's magazine, please forward to Beth Lewsey,  
**by 21<sup>st</sup> May**, by email if possible,  
to: [parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org](mailto:parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org)  
or deliver to 20 Castle Avenue. (Tel 01303 264577) Thank you!

**Please note the slightly earlier date this month.**

### Leaving you with a smile ...

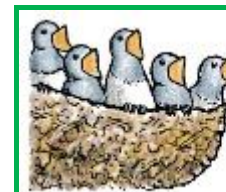
... After a certain Dean retired from his cathedral, he began writing for the press. Soon a rival paper declared that he was no longer a pillar of the Church of England, but now only two columns in the Evening Standard.



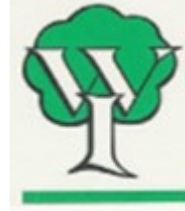
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## SALTWOOD PARISH MAGAZINE

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## Castle Green W I

Our President Julie Andrews welcomed forty-one members to the April meeting; she then introduced three new members and one returning member. Apologies were accepted and Ann Brame was thanked for the lovely flower arrangement for the President's table. The record of the March meeting was read, approved, and signed.

Biddy Fraser gave a report of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting of East Kent Federation which was held at the Leas Cliff Hall in March. At this meeting it was proposed that East Kent Federation should change to be a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). Castle Green voted in favour of the proposal.

Jackie Vickerman drew our attention to the twiddle muffs on display which will be sent to local nursing homes. The group's next project will be making Platinum Celebration Corgis.

**Future events.** Next month will be our birthday breakfast meeting when we will be enjoying warm croissants with jam, orange juice, tea/coffee. Please bring your own "eating irons" etc!

The **June** meeting will be held at **1pm** and after listening to an illustrated talk about Madagascar we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea.

**Summer outing.** Romany Cowans has booked a visit to Godinton House and Gardens on **Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is £20.00 to include a guided tour of the house, visit to the gardens and a cream tea.

Julie said that we had two coffee urns for sale if anyone was interested.

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Saltwood will be hosting the next Deanery Synod on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. The initial part of the meeting is open to anyone. Our guest speaker is Mark Harrison, Head of Crime for Heritage England. Anyone with an interest in historic buildings or monuments should not miss this opportunity to hear more about developments in protecting our heritage sites.

# SALTWOOD CHORAL SOCIETY



## SPRING CONCERT



**Faure's Requiem  
and Cantique de Jean Racine.**



**To be held in  
Saltwood Parish Church**  
on

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**At 7:30pm**

**Admissions £10**

**(Half price for under 16's)**

**Refreshments provided**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

## **A letter from our Rector**

*What is Church? Many people today understand the Church as a building. This is not a biblical understanding of the church. The word 'church' is a translation of the Greek word ekklesia, which is defined as 'an assembly'. The meaning of 'church' is not then a building, but a group of people.*

*I was reminded recently that so much of what we do in church is not formal worship but being together in fellowship in so many different ways. So many, who choose not to attend formal worship, still come along to spend time together through a myriad of activities. From Bible study and prayer groups to social functions and entertainment; there is always so much going on.*

*We consider ourselves to be a Community Church, a church that offers far more than formal Sunday worship. With our two churches and their three halls we engage with a very broad cross-section of our community. It is in the relationship that we are what Church really is.*

*The authentic difference between church and other community groups is a desire to offer what others want over our own longings and preference. We seek to engage with people, not to simply introduce them to the ways of Jesus, but to enjoy the company of others and take pleasure in sharing our time with them. This is particularly appreciated if people are lonely or new to the area, but we make every effort to engage with individuals and families of all ages.*

*For us to be all that we can be to our neighbours, relies on each one of us inviting our family and friends to the events taking place. Everything we do is open to all and we particularly welcome those who simply want to just look. We place no expectation on anyone. They can come to what they like, as often or as infrequently as they choose.*

*Good relationship and time spent together is as much church as singing hymns and sharing I communion. God delights in the time we give to Him, but more so in the time we give to others, for Him.*

**Rev Barry**

## Diary – St Peter and St Paul



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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>The Third Sunday of Easter:</i>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	09.40	Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel,
	10.00	Holy Communion & Sunday Club in the Lads' Club
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	N B.	Bank Holiday: No Monday Chats
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club
	19.30	Prayer meeting at 4 Sene Park
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	19.00	Deanery Synod at Saltwood Church
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	19.30	Saltwood Choral Society Concert
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	09.00	Holy Communion BCP - at Pedlinge
	09.40	Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel,
	10.00	'Hooba' Family Service
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	14.00	Monday Chats at the Lads' Club – and each following Monday
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	19.00	Choir Practice – and each following Thursday
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel,
	10.00	Holy Communion & Sunday Club in the Lads' Club

## Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne

We held our AGM in person this year and expressed our appreciation to Guy Topham for his immense contribution to SHAL as he steps down as Treasurer.

Our speaker was Andrew Mayfield, Kent Community Archaeologist, and now archaeologist at Greenwich Park after involvement with the 5<sup>th</sup> Continent project on Romney Marsh. In a wide-ranging and hugely informative talk he traced the landscapes of the Marsh and their evolution. How did they change? At c.8000 BC what is now Lympne looked down over a huge bay. By the Bronze Age period (2000 BC) the salt marsh was developing followed by the Iron Age (800BC – 54AD) which saw clusters of activity around Lydd and the emergence of the Hythe inlet. The Romans made substantial changes with their important harbour accompanied by a number of Roman sites in the area. The Saxon period {600-800 AD} saw considerable activity at Romney, with a small trading settlement and fishing site at Sandtun below Lympne.

Andrew then focused on the search for Romney Port. Recent archaeological investigations revealed a cluster of activity around Old Romney with evidence of a channel in the early medieval period (1200s), probably part of the earlier Saxon port, pointing to it being a small harbour. Further work and excavations are needed to be certain of the port's existence and its size at Old Romney.

Our speaker at the 17 May meeting will be Jo Ahmet, Kent Finds Liaison Officer, who will talk about the wide range of archaeological finds he has analysed and registered on the Portable Antiquities Scheme. For enquiries about SHAL please contact Rosemary Stutchbury on 01303 266966 or email her at [rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk)

£437.35 of which £250 was sent to the DEC Ukraine Appeal and in April £255.10 of which £100 was sent to Alzheimer's Society.

**LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP GROUP** – Our April Quiz and Ploughman's lunch had us all scratching our heads and laughing, as we tried to answer a well-presented mix of difficult and not-so-difficult questions. Our thanks to Jill Page and Sue Gibson for organising this event. Our next meeting will be our annual lunch at the Red Lion, to which we are very much looking forward.

Lympne Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, with a programme of interesting and informative talks and activities. For further information about our group, please contact **Jill Page on 01303 263756**.

## COFFEE MORNING



**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**10.30am - 12.30pm at Lympne Church**

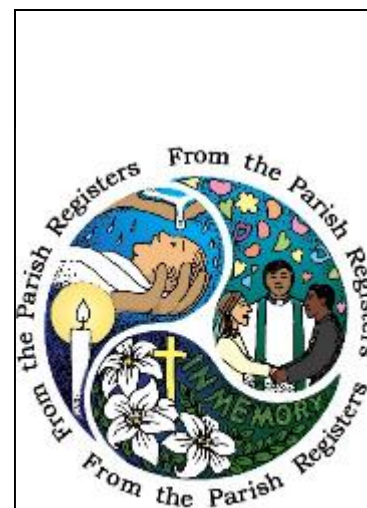
*A donation will be made to this month's nominated charity:*

**AGE UK HYTHE & LYMINGE**

*Join us for coffee and cake*

*Browse through our sales table of books and jigsaws  
(Donations gladly accepted!)*

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club
	14.00	Prayer meeting at 4 Sene Park
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	N.B.	Last date for entries to the June magazine
	12.30	Progressive Lunch
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	09.40	Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00.	Holy Communion & Sunday Club in the Lads' Club
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00	Holy Communion
	10.00	Benefice service of Holy Communion at Lympne
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	14.00	Cinema Club at the Lads' Club



## From The Parish Records

Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of:

**Sir William Fittall**, whose Service of Thanksgiving was held on 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Yvonne Somerville**, whose funeral was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Peter Johnson**, whose funeral was held on 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Jean Butter**, whose funeral was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April

## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS



The monthly evening prayer meeting is on Wednesday 4 May at 7 30pm at 4 Sene Park. We would love more of you to join us. The meetings are for up to an hour.

If an afternoon session would appeal more then come to our afternoon meeting on Wednesday 18 May at 2pm, again at 4 Sene Park.

## GROWING A HEALING MINISTRY

This will be a day to refresh our spiritual eyes and ears, to remind ourselves of good practice and to be inspired. This is to be held on Saturday 11 June. We would like to have our own team of pray-ers and if you might be interested and would like to come along, give your name to Carol Cooke or call her on 07795 100 441 as soon as possible.



## MONDAY CHATS



Monday Chats are taking themselves off to Dobbies for Afternoon Tea on Monday 30 May. Would you like to join us? If so, speak to Sarah (Knott) Carol or Geoff as soon as possible (phone 07795 100 441). Cost is £16 to include tips and tea. We will be meeting in the church car park at 1 pm but we need to know in advance so that we can arrange transport.

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



### May

Sunday 1st	11.00	Parish Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Hooba Family Service, led by Steve's Club
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Wedding Blessing
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Morning Worship
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Coffee Morning
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00	Parish Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00</b>	Benefice Communion service at Lympne

### STEVE'S CLUB HAS MOVED TO A NEW HOME

Steve's Club, or Sunday Club as it is becoming known, is now meeting at **The Lads' Club, Rectory Lane, Saltwood CT21 4QA, 10-11am during term time.**

We have a wonderful time with all sorts of art & crafts and cooking, games and lots of drama. Fun groups for children aged 3-10 years. The **Monday Club** for young people aged 11 - 16 years is also held from 5.30 - 7.00 pm at its usual venue.

New faces to both groups are always very welcome.

**For more information** ring: Christine Clover on 0300 0301662, text: 07379 877846 or email: [christineclover@lympneand saltwoodchurches.uk](mailto:christineclover@lympneand saltwoodchurches.uk).

### COFFEE MORNINGS: Donations to Charity

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our monthly Coffee Mornings. We send at least one third of what we raise to the nominated charity each month, the remaining going to much needed funds for our church. I am delighted to say that in March we raised



**Saltwood Cinema Club**  
will be showing

**BELFAST**

**on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

at 2pm in the Lads' Club

Written and directed by Kenneth Branagh, and based on his own childhood memories, this film chronicles the life of a working-class Ulster Protestant family from the perspective of their nine-year-old son Buddy during The Troubles in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Featuring Dame Judi Dench as the grandma, surely the star of this film is Jude Hill, who plays Buddy – an absolute delight!

**Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake**

All proceed to the Lads' Club Funds



It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness. - *C H Spurgeon*

When faced with a choice and unsure which way to go, try this Ignatius method of discernment: prayerfully imagine yourself at the end of your life and consider.... 'which choice would I wish I had made?' – *Anon*

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR MAY**



*Today we pray especially for.....*

- 1 Those who live in Turnpike Hill, Britten Close and Spanton Crescent
- 2 Wycliffe Bible Translators
- 3 St Mary the Virgin Elham
- 4 Those who minister in our residential homes
- 5 Those who maintain our community
- 6 Those who live in Rectory Lane and Victoria Place
- 7 Sunday Club
- 8 Hythe Community Sponsorship
- 9 Our local GPs
- 10 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 11 Those who live in Old London Road, Redbrooks Way, Summer Close and Sunny Bank
- 12 Those unable to attend church, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 13 The homeless, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 14 Brockhill Park Performing Arts College – staff and pupils
- 15 St Martin's Cheriton, All Soul's Cheriton and St Nicholas Newington
- 16 Those who live in Grange Road and School Road
- 17 Church Army and it's work with children and young people
- 18 Those who seek Christ
- 19 Residential and nursing homes – their staff and residents
- 20 Sidesmen and welcomers
- 21 Those who live in Castle Avenue, Lookers Lane and Quarry Road
- 22 Those who represent us – in parish, district and county councils and in Parliament
- 23 Those who help lead our worship
- 24 Those parts of the world suffering from natural disasters and all those seeking to relieve the suffering these cause
- 25 St Leonard's Hythe, St Michael's Anglican and Methodist Centre and Holy Cross Palmarsh
- 26 Those who live in Brockhill Road and Seaton Avenue
- 27 The armed forces and their families

- 28 The Folkestone Rainbow Centre
- 29 Those coping with debt and unemployment, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 30 Our area Dean
- 31 Those who live in Blue House Lane, Sandy Lane and the A20

## A Prayer for May

Dear Father in Heaven,

As we thank you for May, this most beautiful of months, we are aware that not everything in your world is beautiful; not every attitude or action is beautiful, or kind, or just.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we can sometimes feel overwhelmed. Help us, Lord to remember that Jesus came to bring all this brokenness together, to bring reconciliation and wholeness.

Thank you that nothing in all creation - no evil attacks, no illness, no human powers, no circumstances at all - can ever separate us from Your love.

In Jesus name. Amen.

*(By Daphne Kitching - adapted)*



## LENT LUNCHES

We had a bumper number of people attending the Lent Lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> April. We used up all our soup and sold every cake and bottle of preserves. And I think it is fair to say a good time was had by all. We raised a total of £404 for our missions and charities. Many thanks to everyone who came and of course to our wonderful team of helpers under the watchful eye of Sue Beggs and Penny Marsh. It was great too to have such super scouts with us, who were a huge help in getting the lunches to the tables as quickly as possible. We hope next year to be able to have the usual six weeks of Lent Lunches.

**Carol Cooke & Sue Beggs**

