

ably assisted by Mandy Elson organised us. What followed was an hour of concentration, laughter, chatting and fun. Jackie Vickerman gave the vote of thanks which was heartily endorsed by all the members. The tables were then re-arranged so that 27 members could enjoy a delicious Ploughman's' Lunch. Thanks go to Elisa and her team. Photos of these events are on the website.

The next meeting is on **July 14th** when the speaker will be **Clive Nuttman**. His talk this time is entitled **Kent's Chalk Grasslands**.

Prospective new members are welcome to join us at this meeting as a guest.

Margaret Alcock

Finishing with a Smile ...

... Several years ago the then Bishop of London reported to the General Synod that before attending a church function he had said he would bring his pastoral staff. "And how many seats will you want?" came the reply.

... "People get nervous when they think that they have to call me 'my Lord', said an Irish bishop. "Especially the poor nuns. One was giving me a cup of coffee. As she pushed the sugar bowl towards me, she said, 'How many lords, my lump?'"



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ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for the **September edition** of the magazine, please forward to Beth Lewsey, by: **22nd August** by email if possible, to: parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org or deliver to 20 Castle Avenue. (Tel 01303 264577)

Castle Green W I



President Julie Andrews welcomed thirty-nine members and one guest (who joined as a dual member during the meeting) to the June meeting.

Apologies were accepted from members unable to attend the meeting. Hortense Oates was thanked for the flowers for the President's table and tea hostesses Frances Banks and Tricia Heath were also thanked. The record of the May meeting was approved and signed.

WI diaries are available to order from Daphne Gazely. Following the sale of Denman College free courses will be available online for members; see MYWI for details.

Subgroups. All subgroups held meetings in June.

Nine members of the **Lunch Club** held an enjoyable meeting at the Lord Whisky Tearooms in Rhodes Minnis.

Future Events. Summer outing to Walmer Castle and Gardens. For details, please see <https://castlegreenwi.org.uk/ourevents/> Payments to be made at the July meeting. Due to the "odd" amounts, cheques, and bank transfers only.

Fish, chips, and Prosecco- 11th August meet on Hythe beach at 12.30. The cost will be £12.00 and the deadline to book is the July meeting.

With the business all done and dusted we settled back to enjoy tea/coffee and cake and catching up with friends old and new.

After the raffle had been drawn Kay Hygate took centre stage to lead us through the making of crowns. As ever Kay was very organised and

Guided Walks Around Old Hythe

Every Thursday, June to September

Discover the secrets of this ancient Cinque Port and soak up the atmosphere amongst its historic architecture. See the Royal Military Canal, built to keep Napoleon at bay. Visit St Leonard's Church (free tour included) and wonder at the bones in the famous ossuary/crypt. Tours of the church (without a walk) start at midday.

Meet at Hythe Town Hall, High Street CT21 5AJ
at 10:30am - no need to book.
Walk £3 per person (Ossuary £3 extra).

Allow 1½ hours for walk
plus 45 minutes for church/ossuary



A Letter from the 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 three churches and the Lads' Club 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 communion. God delights in the time we give to Him, but more so in the time we give to others, for Him.

Blessings,

Rev Barry

**Diary –
St Peter and St Paul**



**July &
August 2023**



JULY

Sunday 2nd <i>Trinity 4</i>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00	Holy Communion & Sunday Club in the Lads' Club
Monday 3rd	14.00	Monday Chats in the Lads' Club and each following Monday in July. We take a break in August, but Chats will resume in September
Wednesday 5th	10.00 – 11.30	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club
Thursday 8th	19.00	Choir Practice – and each following Thursday
Sunday 11th <i>Trinity 5</i>	09.00	Holy Communion BCP at Pedlinge
	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00.	Holy Communion

SHAL: Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne

On a cold, wet June day a group of SHAL members enjoyed a fascinating tour of the gun batteries at Wanstone Farm, set back from the white cliffs in Dover, and a guided tour of the Fan Bay Deep Shelter. Since WW2 the site is now a National Trust property and a group of their volunteers have worked hard over recent years to clear the site, research and interpret life on the cliffs during the war years.

A small group of their volunteers showed members around an anti-aircraft battery of 4 guns, named 'Jane' and in a circle, forming a line of flak which enemy planes flew into blocking the engines and bringing them down. The next feature was a massive gun emplacement (D2) supporting a huge gun, capable of firing into France, and an opportunity to stand on the site where Churchill had stood. The group then moved to Fan Bay, observing 6" gun emplacements and headed down the steep stairs to end up 23m below the surface deep into the chalk where the first tunnel housed 180 men working, sleeping in rows of bunks and taking shelter when not manning the guns. Further on in a drier section there were two large shells in the roof of the bare chalk, evidence of early sub-tropical climate. Continuing outside onto the cliff face there were two mounted WW1 sound dishes. The tour ended with the return journey back to the surface. Our appreciation to Fan Bay volunteers John Jarvest and Gordon Wise and colleagues for this fascinating tour.

The next meeting on 18 July will be a talk by SHAL member, Janet Powell, on a revolt in the 1930s about nearby tithes.



Perhaps the straight and narrow path would be wider if more people used it.

- Kay Ingram

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE

COFFEE MORNINGS



SATURDAY 15th JULY

10.30am - 12.30pm

**Supporting 'Home Farm Trust', Lympne Place
and**

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST

Supporting Guide Dogs – Hythe & District Group

- *Come and join us for coffee, cakes and savoury bakes. If the sun is shining, sit out and enjoy.*
- *Take a break while out for that walk (well-behaved dogs welcome)*
- *Catch up with old friends and new, browse through our books*

(donations of novels always appreciated)

Wednesday 12th	10.00 – 11.30	Saltwood Toddlers 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' to celebrate the end of the Summer Term. Toddlers resumes in September
	14.00	Cinema Club in the Lads' Club
Saturday 15th	10.30	Coffee Morning at Lympne Church
	15.45	Messy Church at the Lads' Club
Sunday 16th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 6</i>	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00.	Holy Communion & Sunday Club in the Lads' Club
Sunday 23rd	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 7</i>	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00	Hooba Family Service
Sunday 30th <i>Trinity 8</i>	10.00	Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Saltwood

AUGUST

Saturday 5th	15.00	Wedding: Christine and Keith
Sunday 6th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 9</i>	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00.	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	09.00	Holy Communion BCP at Pedlinge
<i>Trinity 10</i>	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00	Holy Communion

Sunday 20th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 11</i>	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00	Holy Communion
	N.B.	Last date for items for the September magazine
Friday 25th	14.00	Wedding: Vanessa and Jace
Saturday 26th	13.30	Wedding: Cheryl and Louis
Sunday 27th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity 12</i>	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel
	10.00	Hooba Family Service

A Prayer for the Summer Months

Loving Father,

July brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.



Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And please Lord, show *us* how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us.

In Jesus' name. Amen

(Written by Daphne Kitching)

SUNDAY CLUB

Meets 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. New faces are always very welcome.

For more information ring: Christine Clover on 0300 0301662, text: 07379 877846 or email: christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk.

CHURCH SUMMER OPENING

The church is now open during the day throughout the Summer.

JUNE COFFEE MORNING

With the Bellringing Competition in full swing at our last coffee morning, we raised a total of £193.05, so a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us. A donation of £60 will go to **Hythe Dementia Awareness Forum**.

LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our June meeting saw us enjoying a lovely sociable lunch at the Red Lion in Hythe. With good food, wine or soft drinks and friendly service, not to mention having lunch amongst friends, everyone had a good time. We all look forward to our next one.

Lympne Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2nd 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**.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



SERVICES AND EVENTS IN JULY & AUGUST

JULY		
2 nd	Parish Communion	11.00
9 th	Hooba Family Service, led by Sunday Club	11.00
15 th	Coffee Morning	10.30
16 th	Holy Communion	11.00
23 rd	Parish Communion	11.00
30 th	Benefice service of Holy Communion at Saltwood	10.00
AUGUST		
6 th	Parish Communion	11.00
13 th	Hooba Family Service, led by Sunday Club	11.00
19 th	Coffee Morning	10.30
20 th	Holy Communion	11.00
27 th	Holy Communion	11.00

INTERCESSIONS FOR JULY ...



Today we pray especially for.....

- 1 Those who live in Bartholomew Close and Lea Close
- 2 Those who protect us – the emergency services
- 3 All who worship at St Peter & St Paul and at Pedlinge
- 4 The homeless
- 5 The lonely, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 6 Those who live in Bartholomew Lane and St John's Road
- 7 Those who visit our church and those who make use of it
- 8 Holy Trinity Folkestone, St George Folkestone, and St. Paul Sandgate
- 9 Our organists and choir
- 10 Canterbury Cathedral, Diocesan House and their staffs
- 11 Those who live in Hillcrest Road and Quarry Lane
- 12 Those who care for the church and churchyard and make them beautiful
- 13 The national role of the Church of England
- 14 St John the Baptist Folkestone
- 15 Our neighbours
- 16 Those who live in Holly Close and Mulberry Court
- 17 Those unsure of their future, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 18 St Augustine's Primary School – staff and pupils
- 19 The Pilgrims Hospice
- 20 Families going through difficult times, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 21 Those who live in North Road West, North Road and Barrack Hill
- 22 Those parts of the world where there is war or political strife and those who suffer as a result
- 23 Our own benefice with St Stephen Lympe
- 24 Her Majesty's Government and members of Parliament
- 25 Compassion UK
- 26 Those who live in Pedlinge and Sandling
- 27 The terminally ill and their families, thinking particularly of those known to you

- 28 Our study groups
- 29 Other, non-Anglican, churches in the local area
- 30 Mercy Ships
- 31 Those who live in Sandling Road and Highfield Close

and in AUGUST...

- 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 Those who worship at Messy Church
- 8 Refugees in our community
- 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, that they may be refreshed by this time of holiday
- 15 St Martin's Cheriton, All Soul's Cheriton and St Nicholas Newington
- 16 Those who live in Grange Road and School Road
- 17 The Church Army and its work with 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



Saltwood Cinema Club

on Wednesday 12th July

at 2pm in the Lads' Club

'Allelujah'

Allelujah is a warm and deeply moving story about old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: they invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could go wrong? Allelujah celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand. This film has many stars from the stage and screen, Judi Dench, Dave Bradley, Gerard Horan and Derek Jacobi.

Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake

All proceeds to the Lads' Club Funds



Ride and Stride



Hopefully you have marked **Saturday 9th September** in your diaries – the date for the annual RIDE & STRIDE sponsored event. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit Kent churches which will be open on that day, whilst raising money for 'Friends of Kent Churches' and our own St Peter and St Paul, Saltwood. We have had great fun walking (or cycling) together in past years, so do watch out for further details in the Rectors weekly news-sheet.

MONDAY CHATS



You are very welcome to join us for a chat – and tea and cake – each Monday in July at 2pm in the Lads' Club. We'll be taking a break throughout August, but look forward to seeing you again in September.

ECUMENICAL COFFEE MORNINGS



The last meeting of the season is on 2nd July, when all are welcome – a great opportunity to meet with friends from other local churches. They restart on 2nd September and Saltwood is organising. **Please can you see Teresa or Carol if you are able to help that day.**

POT-HOLES!

Most of us must be aware of the dreadful pot-holes in Rectory Lane, which have already caused at least one injury. Not only may they damage your vehicle but could be extremely dangerous to those walking to church. A member of the congregation has suggested that the more of us who complain, the more likely action is to be taken. However, at the time of going to print, the holes appear to have been marked up ready for repair. We certainly hope so!

If the situation does not improve, you can report on the KCC website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

- 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, Saltwood

From The Parish Records

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

Gordon Keutenius, whose funeral was on 2nd June

Nigel Hatton, whose funeral was on 16th June



PRAYER MEETINGS

Sundays at 9 40 am in Saltwood Church
Fridays at 9 30 am in Saltwood Church

Please note the following **for July:**

Afternoon Prayer at 34 Harpswood Lane, 2 30 pm on Wednesday 5 July
Evening Prayer at 46 Brockhill Road, 7 30 pm on Wednesday 19 July

There will be no Afternoon or Evening Prayer Group meetings in August but we will meet again on Wednesday afternoon 6 September for the Afternoon Group and Wednesday 20 September for the Evening Group.

Open Gardens and Craft Fair

Thanks to the organisational expertise of Derek Harris, not only did our village enjoy a relaxed, happy and sociable afternoon (in glorious sunshine, though I'm not sure even Derek can claim responsibility for that!) but over £3000 was raised for the church organ restoration fund!

Derek says:

We raised over £3000 a fantastic effort. Please can I thank everyone who took part, I would particularly like to thank David who was everywhere, from helping me with the signs, moving tables, fetching & carrying for the stallholders and a stint on the car park.

I have had a lot of comments from the stallholders about how good the atmosphere was and particularly with the help that the team led by Jeremy and Melissa gave in helping them set-up.

The gardens were marvellous and a big thank you goes to Liz and John.



The garden at Saltwood House



Craft stalls in the Churchyard

Sue & Penny yet again committed themselves to catering for a Saltwood Church event. We had no idea how successful this part would be, but the cream teas turned out to be so popular that they ran out of scones! The Lads' Club was heaving all afternoon, so the team had no chance for a break.

The church looked beautiful thanks to Diana Maxfield and her team of flower arrangers – with a special mention going to Mary Wheatley's 'organ pipes' arrangement.

A further attraction was the opportunity to visit the bell tower, to see (and hear!) the bells in action.

A great day enjoyed by something like 500 people, and hopefully a memorable event for church & village.

Thank You