down for a quiz session lead by Margaret Alcock. The picture round was of past (some very past!) British Prime Ministers. The second quiz was about television quiz and game shows past and present; again, some were very much in the past. This proved to be quite difficult and there were groans when the answers were read out. One answer really stirred memories. Which "dance" was performed by the audience at the end of each Blockbusters episode? The Hand Jive!! Several members immediately started "dancing"! Dawn and Susan were the winners and were awarded the magnificent prize of a pack of Kit Kats.

The next meeting will be on **March 8th** when the speaker will be from the Pilgrims Hospice.

Margaret Alcock

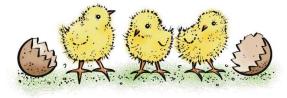
Finishing with a Smile ...

Musings on life ...

... I'm taking care of my procrastination issues. Just you wait and see.

... I hate it when I see an old person, and then realize we went to school together.

... My boss calls me 'The Computer'. Nothing to do with intelligence; I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.





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ITEMS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for the April edition of the magazine, please forward to Beth Lewsey, by: **24**th **March** 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 fortyfour members to the Annual Meeting. The record of the January meeting was approved and signed. Julie informed members that the programme for 2024-2025 was on the website.

Our treasurer, Margaret Wilson gave a financial update and reminded members that subs were now due. She will present the budget for the coming year at the March meeting.

Future events. Biddy has kindly offered another visit to her bluebell woods. Date to be arranged when the bluebells are in flower. In May, the Resolutions Meeting will be followed by a Ploughman's Lunch. Romany is starting to plan a summer outing in late June or early July and in October there will be a Soup Lunch (always popular!)

The sub-groups will all hold meetings in February. See website for more information <u>https://castlegreenwi.org.uk/</u>.

Next on the agenda was the Annual Meeting. Margaret Wilson gave the Financial Report, prepared by Daphne Gazeley, which was proposed, seconded, and accepted by the members Biddy Fraser then read out the committee's Annual Report. The sixty-one members of Castle Green WI had enjoyed varied and interesting talks and craft sessions. They had also been busy knitting bonnets for premature babies which were given to the William Harvey Hospital and knee blankets which were given to local nursing homes and care homes. In her President's address Julie thanked the committee members for their work during the past year, she also thanked the leaders of the sub-groups and members who helped at meetings in various ways. Julie proposed the adoption of the committee's report which was seconded and approved. A vote of thanks was given to the committee which was heartily endorsed by the members.

After coffee and chat some members settled down to sew up the colourful array of knitted squares into knee blankets. These had been knitted by members during the winter, led by the Knit and Natter group. The rest of the members settled

SALTWOOD VILLAGE SOCIETY

THURSDAY 14th MARCH 7.30PM THE LADS' CLUB, RECTORY LANE **'SMUGGLING ON ROMNEY MARSH'**

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON THE LEGENDARY SMUGGLING GANGS AND THEIR EXPLOITS!

LEARN ABOUT THE CHARACTERS... AND THE HIDING PLACES...

BY SUE DUCKWORTH



VILLAGE NEWS/RAFFLE/FREE REFRESHMENTS MEMBERS £3, NON-MEMBERS £8. ALL WELCOME FREE PARKING AT THE CHURCH

A Letter from the Rector

We are about to celebrate Easter, which is the most significant event in the Christian calendar. It is a time of joy, hope, and renewal. As we approach this the Easter season, we are reminded of the profound significance of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of salvation it brings to all believers. The Easter message is one of triumph over death, light over darkness, and love over sin.

This year, as we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us continue to reflect on the journey of Lent, a period of spiritual discipline and introspection. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of service, we have sought to deepen our relationship with God and grow in our faith. As we enter Holy Week, we follow Jesus on his path to the cross, remembering his sacrifice and the ultimate victory of his resurrection.

Easter Sunday is a day of jubilation and praise as we gather to worship and proclaim the good news of Jesus' triumph over the grave. It is a time to rejoice in the promise of new life and the hope of eternal salvation. Let us come together as a community of faith to celebrate the resurrection and share in the fellowship of believers.

As we reflect on the significance of Easter, let us also remember those in need and reach out with compassion and generosity. This season offers us an opportunity to embody the love and grace of Jesus by serving others and demonstrating the power of redemption in our lives.

In the midst of our Easter celebrations, let us not forget the message of reconciliation and forgiveness that Jesus brought to the world. As we gather with family and friends, may we extend grace to one another, seeking to mend broken relationships and restore harmony in our lives.

Easter is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. Let us embrace this season with a spirit of renewal and transformation, allowing the message of Easter to permeate every aspect of our lives. May we emerge from this

Easter season with hearts full of gratitude, minds focused on the eternal, and spirits renewed by the power of the resurrection.

May this Easter season be a time of blessing, joy, and spiritual growth for each one of us. Let us rejoice in the victory of Jesus and proclaim to the world that He is risen indeed!

Rev Barry



Saltwood Church Pastoral Group Caring for One Another

'And let us look out for one another to provoke love and good works' (Hebrews 10:24)

Our Pastoral Group meet monthly to seek ways of offering support to those who are going through difficult or challenging times.

If you know someone you are concerned about, or if you have concerns yourself, please contact us. You will always find a friendly voice and a listening ear at the end of the line.

Caring for others is at the heart of Christian life and you can help us by being our eyes and ears, letting us know of anyone who is in need.

Contacts: 01303 266454 01303 883243

SHAL: Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne

Our presenter in February was Chris Shaw, Chairman of the Shorncliffe Trust, who gave us a fascinating talk on a historical topic about which we knew little despite its Folkestone home.

The story begins in the late 1700s when a Redoubt, a temporary fortification, a big sand castle to counter turmoil from the French, was built on Hospital Hill. Shortly after, a battery fortification, a cluster of cannons in action to counter an enemy battle or siege, was constructed. Into this scenario came General Sir John Moore, a brilliant leader, hero and legend - in 1803 in charge of 52nd Oxford Light Infantry facing Napoleon and his troops. He was followed by William Truss, a genius in leading Royal Engineers in constructing the line of Martello Towers along the south coast, all 100m x 100m, built on sand with a S. side entrance and 14ft. thick front making it difficult for the enemy. Meanwhile Colonels Manningham and Stewart introduced methods of firing as a group, organised good regiments and treated soldiers well. Scots Regiments played bagpipes to identify where they were situated amongst the troops whilst Dundas organised them how to form a square. Moore took charge of well-organised training at Shorncliffe, and fought in the 1815 Battle of Waterloo in which Napoleon was defeated. Shorncliffe attracted Germans and Canadians to train in the 1850s and fight successfully in the Boer War. It embraced the World War 1 call to arms and constructed trenches for training in conditions they would encounter in battle. Chris has continued to organise activities to recognise the importance of Shorncliffe's contribution to defence of our country for nearly 200 years.

At our next meeting on 19 March Andy Linklater will talk on the theme of 'The Romans are coming'.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE EASTER COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024 10.30am - 12.30pm

- Join us for coffee, cake & savoury bakes
- Take a break from that walk (Well-behaved dogs welcome)
- Catch up with old friends and new
- > Play a game or have a sing-song

Proceeds to maintenance of the church plus a donation to this month's nominated charity:

WATER AID

Diary – St Peter and St Paul





Friday 1 st	14.00	World Day of Prayer: Service at Hythe Salvation Army, Portland Road	
Saturday 2 nd	14.00	Baptism	
Sunday 3 rd	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	
Lent 3	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel (and each following Sunday)	
	10.00.	Holy Communion	
	10.00	Bubble Church in the Lads' Club	
Monday 4 th	14.00	Monday Chats in the Lads' Club (and each following Monday)	
Tuesday 5 th		Our Rector's day off – and each following Tuesday	
Wednesday 6 th	10.00 – 11.30	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club (and Wednesdays 13 th & 20th this month)	
	14.00	Afternoon Prayer Group at 34 Harpswood Lane	
Thursday 7 th	19.00	Choir Practice – and each following Thursday	
Friday 8 th	09.00	Prayer in the Church – and each following Friday	
Sunday 10 ^{1h} Lent 4: Mothering	09.00	Holy Communion BCP at Pedlinge	
Sunday	10.00	Mothering Sunday Family Service	

March 2024

Saturday 16 th	10.30	Coffee Morning at Lympne Church	
	15.45	MESSY CHURCH in the Lads' Club	
Sunday 17 th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	
Lent 5	10.00	Holy Communion – and Sunday Club in the Lads' Club	
Wednesday 20 th	14.00	Cinema Club in the Lads' Club	
Thursday 21 st	12.30	Funeral – Penelope Samuelson	
Sunday 24 th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	
Holy Week: Palm	10.00	Hooba All Age Service	
Sunday	N.B.	Last date for items for the April magazine	
Thursday 28 th	19.00	7pm Maundy Thursday service with	
Maundy Thursday		meal– Lads' Club (followed by Eucharist in the church)	
Friday 29 th	10.00	Walk of Witness, Hythe (meet at	
Good Friday		Waitrose car park at 9:45)	
	15.00	Hour at the Cross (Saltwood church)	
Saturday 30 th	14.00 -	Explore Easter (Lympne church)	
Easter Eve	16.00		
Sunday 31 st	10.00	Holy Communion	
Easter Day			

"Quotes")

With Lent in mind... The shortest distance between a problem and its solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. - Anon

St Stephens Eco Volunteers



This is the name of a new community group formed to encourage and care for wildlife within Lympne churchyard and ensure this area remains a beautiful place to walk and enjoy the view.

Although organised by some members of Lympne congregation, the aim is for most members of the St Stephens Eco Volunteers team to be from outside the worshipping community.

Initial plans include increasing the amount of land set aside for wild flowers, improving arrangements for composting and adding bee and butterfly friendly plants. Also documenting the wildlife seen throughout the year.

LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We were privileged at our February meeting to welcome Pat Marshall, accompanied by husband Roger and Rosie, **Pat's guide dog**, who behaved impeccably and captured the hearts of everyone present. Pat spoke frankly and informatively about her life since losing her sight and how she became accustomed to having a guide dog. We learned about the very intricate training programme and the total trust involved when the dog has to be The Eyes of the owner. A very enjoyable, thought-provoking and 'eye-opening' afternoon.

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 07846 819693**



Advance notice that the APCM is on Sunday 18th April followed by a bring & share lunch.

LARGE PRINT HYMN BOOKS

Lympne church has large print hymn books for Songs of Fellowship – ask if you would like one (or three as this comes in 3 volumes!). There are usually large print orders of service available in the church as well – ask!



If you have not heard about the ECO CHURCH project – and St Stephens's Silver Award, some details are on the website at https://lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk/ecochurch/ - there are 5 different areas of church life that are looked at.



Saturday 30th March. 2-4pm St Stephen's Church, Lympne

Come and see and experience the activities that Lympne primary school has been doing in Lympne Church to explore the true meaning of Easter, All ages welcome.

This coincides with a Hoppy Easter Hunt next door at the castle – so families can spend an afternoon in Lympne both thinking about the meaning of easter and hunting for easter eggs.

A Prayer for Lent

Forgive those things we have done

which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done

that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed

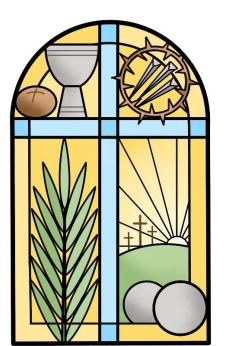
ourselves.

and you.

Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow

the way that you first trod. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

(Written by John Birch: Faith and Worship website)





From The Parish Records Congratulations to:

Gillian Durdan and Michael Cooper who were married on 20th February

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

Kathleen White, whose funeral was on 1st February
Margaret Morgan, whose funeral was on 13th February
Peter Henwood, whose burial was on 16th February

Olive Sherrard whose funeral was on 29th February

INTERCESSIONS FOR March



Today we pray especially for.....

- 1 The local and International committees of the World Day of Prayer
- 2 Businesses in our parish
- 3 The work of the Folkestone Rainbow Centre
- 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 John Campbell, our Churchwardens, and the members of the PCC
- 13 Our local hospitals and Tricia Hill who leads the Canterbury hospital chaplaincy team
- 14 The King 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 Our SALT house groups
- 25 Saltwood Primary School the staff and pupils
- 26 Those who live on The Green, Old Saltwood Lane and Conway Close

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



SERVICES AND EVENTS IN MARCH

3rd	Holy Communion	11.00
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10 th	Mothering Sunday – Hooba Family Service	11.00
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16 th	Coffee Morning	10.30
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17 th	Holy Communion	11.00
24 th	Dalm Sunday, Haly Communian	11.00
24***	Palm Sunday - Holy Communion	11.00
31 st		
51	Easter Day - Hooba Family Service	
	with Holy Communion	
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See elsewhere in this newsletter for services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at Saltwood Church

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

This has now moved to a Friday lunchtime; in March we will meet on Friday 8th March at 12:30pm in Lympne Church

PCC and APCM

A reminder the Lympne PCC is on Monday 11th March at 18:45pm in Lympne church.

can all see how desperate is the need for prayer, throughout the world, these days.

Reminders about other Prayer Meetings:

Sundays at 9 40 am for a few minutes before the service in Saltwood Church Fridays at 9 00 am in Saltwood Church

From Rachel Cornish, Warden at Lympne: -

This month I've been thinking about community.

The 3 churchwardens in the benefice met together earlier this month to get to know each other, share ideas, and look at ways we can support each other as we look after different churches within one benefice.

Do we "all live in a community"? No. We *live* in houses or flats in villages, towns or suburbs. We have to take action to become part of a community. Many people find this difficult as they are shy or unsure whether they will fit it – and this creates loneliness. Churches can help with this, by organising community events that bring people together.

Our churches are also communities – and some people are nervous about approaching them. Non-religious events within a church building can break down fear or apprehension; it is great that Lympne church is now used regularly for coffee mornings, for meetings of organisations such as the Lympne Airfield society, and hosts pilgrims overnight as a Pilgrim Sanctuary church.

The previous wildlife festivals and Nativity Procession attracted lots of people into the churchyard and church; we are now looking at other events such as the Explore Easter event on Easter Saturday and groups such as the St Stephens Eco Volunteers.



- 27 St Luke Hawkinge and St Martin Acrise
- 28 Rose, Bishop of Dover and Darren, Archdeacon of Ashford
- 29 Those who live in Castle Road, Kiln Corner, The Close and Castle Crescent
- 30 Our Toddler group

31 All local churches, of any denomination, as we all celebrate the Risen Lord



Prayer Ministry at Saltwood

The Prayer Ministry Team invite you to come for prayer, in the sanctuary immediately after the Sunday morning services. You can ask for prayer for anybody and anything.... maybe the health and well-being of someone else or yourself? Or perhaps you have a national or world concern on your mind? You don't need to share any sensitive details and you will not be asked any intrusive questions. You can bring your coffee with you if you wish. St John assures us 'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.' (1 John 5:14)

Team members will be glad to pray with you where you are sitting in the pews, if you prefer. Just ask one of the welcome team to let us know.

Special Easter Services and Events at Saltwood

24th March Palm Sunday: 10am Hooba All Age Service - Saltwood

28th March Maundy Thursday: 7pm Maundy Thursday service with meal– Lads' Club (followed by Eucharist in the church) *(need to sign up, sheets will be in both churches through March)

29th March Good Friday:10am Walk of Witness, Hythe (meet at Waitrose car park at 9:45)
3pm Hour at the Cross Saltwood

31st March Easter Day: 10am Holy Communion - Saltwood



Developing Our Faith is a life-long journey

We have many ways to learn more about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, whatever our age – and many of these ways come with the added benefit of companionship with others.

For ADULTS we have SALT House Groups

(SALT = Sharing And Learning Together ,,,, or

SALT = Saltwood And Lympne Together)

There are three groups in **Saltwood**, mostly meeting a couple of times each month: -

Wednesday evenings. Contact Bob White on 07742 927356

Thursday evenings. Contact Jeremy Russell on 07740 030659

The **Afternoon** Group has changed their time of meeting. We now meet on the 2nd and 4th **Friday** of each month at 34 Harpswood lane, the home of Penny Forsyth, at 2.30pm so that will be 8th and 22nd March for this month. Penny can be contacted on 01303 980593. You will be very welcome to join us.

There are also two groups in Lympne: The Monday evening and Friday morning homegroups meet every two weeks. We are still reading our way through Matthew; we read a passage, discuss its meaning and enjoy a wide-ranging discussion.

Contact Rachel Cornish at www.upmechurch@gmail.com

New members are always made very welcome at any group!

Video 6 - The Fruit of the Spirit

Video 7 - The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Video 8 - Walking in the Spirit

Video 9 - The Holy Spirit's Role in Prayer

Video 10 - The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Growth

Video 11 - The Holy Spirit and the Community of Believers

Video 12 - An Overview and Summary - not yet recorded

Repeated Post - Reverend Barry's Day Off.

Barry's nominated weekly day off is Tuesday. This is the day that suits him best, so I would ask you all not to contact him at all that day by any means - by phone, email, or text. If an emergency occurs, by which I mean something that really, really can't wait until Wednesday, then please contact one of the wardens.

We take our days off for granted and most of us during our working lives had both Saturday and Sunday off. Barry has only one day off and I am asking each one of us to honour it and protect it.

From Carol Eastell: -

Lent Lunches start on Saturday 2 March and continue through March the final one being on 23 March. Please come and support the Lent lunch teams. If you have any spare jars that we can use for leftover soup, that would be most helpful. Bring them with you to church or to the Lads' Club on a Saturday. Also it would be marvellous if you could bake a cake to sell. Most of all though, just bring yourselves. We look forward to seeing you there!

The **Afternoon Prayer group** meets this month on Wednesday 6 March at 2 pm in the home of Penny Forsyth, 34 Harpswood Lane. We would love to see some new faces. Don't be shy – come and join our friendly group as we pray for our church and our church family, as well as for the world. Prayer is the key and I believe we

WARDEN's CORNER

From John Campbell: -

Holy Spirit Video Teaching Series

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

Going Live in March and Generally Accessible from April

We have recently completed recording a set of 12 teaching videos to provide a grounding and knowledge in the vitally important Person of the Holy Spirit, His working with us individually, and in the church. Some of the videos have already been seen in the SALT groups. From next month, we will publish the links every month, and I would like to encourage you to watch them at your leisure. No video is longer than 29 minutes and most are much shorter. The teaching is designed to be progressive, but each video also stands happily on its own.

At the moment, all the links will be YouTube links, but shortly I hope to have the videos accessible and playing from within the church website as well.

The videos cover the following subjects.

- Video 1 The Inerrancy and Infallibility of Scripture
- Video 2 An Introduction to the Holy Spirit
- Video 3 The Holy Spirit in Scripture Part 1
- Video 4 The Holy Spirit in Scripture Part 2
- Video 5 The Holy Spirit's Work in Our Lives

As you will remember from the January magazine, there are also plenty of learning and fun opportunities **for CHILDREN:-**



Bubble Church (for babies, toddlers & young families). A puppet-packed, Jesus centred, coffee and croissant fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure

Book here: https://lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk/book-bubblechurch/

Next Bubble Church Sunday 3rd March 9:45am Lads' Club, Saltwood



Sunday Club (ages 3-10). Meet 10-11am Lads' club

Contact Christine Clover: Call 0300 030 1662 or text 07379 877846 or Email christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk

Messy Church



Meets in the Lads' Club on the third Saturday each month for families to enjoy fun, food and worship.

Contact Bob on 07742 927356 for more details



Saltwood Cinema Club

on Wednesday 20th March

at 2pm in the Lads' Club

A MAN CALLED OTTO

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around. Starring Tom Hanks as Otto.

Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake

All proceeds to the Lads' Club Funds

Folkestone Choral Society

Karl Jenkin's – The Armed man: A Mass for Peace Faure – Requiem Saturday 23rd March at 7.30 Leas Cliff Hall Tickets £18, £21, £25 from www. folkestonechoralsociety.org

From the Parish Magazine – March 2004

Extracts from our magazine from 20 years ago

Lent Lunches – Every Saturday until 3rd April in the Lads' Club (Adults £2.50) **Women's World Day of Prayer** – Friday 5th March2004, 10.30 am at Hythe United Reformed Church – Speaker: Mrs Audrey Wayte

Items of news: 'The national waistline is expanding. In Britain today (2004) nearly seven out of ten men and more than half of all women are either overweight or obese'

'96% of all 15-24 year-olds in Britain now have a mobile phone,' (*Ed: Remember this is twenty years ago!*)

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL SALTWOOD

Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

12 – 1.30pm

In the Lads' Club



Home made soup with fresh bread, cheese and chutney Tea and Coffee

Adults £6 Children £3

(But do bring along some extra cash to buy lovely home-made cakes and jams etc)