

again later that day, while playing golf with William Gladstone at Littlestone. As usual Melanie's talk was entertaining and thought provoking. Mandy Elson gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting will be on May 10th when we will discuss and vote on the resolution "Dental Health Matters" to be presented at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June. Followed by a Ploughman's Lunch.

Margaret Alcock

Finishing with a Smile ...

... A man went into a church and asked the vicar to pray for his hearing. Touched by his faith, the vicar agreed. "Kneel here," he began in a loud voice. The man knelt, and the vicar placed a hand on each ear and bellowed a prayer. "I hope that will help," he finally shouted.

"Well, I won't know for a while," the man replied. "It isn't until next month".



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ITEMS FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for the June edition of the magazine, please forward to Beth Lewsey, by: **24th May**
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 forty-four members to the April meeting. It wasn't raining and almost felt warm! The record of the last meeting was approved and signed.

Kate Dilks was thanked for the flower arrangement and the coffee hostesses were also thanked.

The auditions for new speakers will be held at the URC church in Hythe on May 24th at 9.30am – 1pm. Tickets cost £4.00 and there is no need to pre-book. This event is for members only.

Gill Chapman had given knee blankets to three of the care homes in Hythe and they were much appreciated.

The sub- groups will hold meetings in April. Details are available on our website <https://castlegreen.org.uk>. The Lunch Club's next meeting will be on June 20th, venue tba.

Tricia Heath gave a report on the EKFWI Annual Council meeting.

The Summer Outing will be an afternoon visit to Goodnestone Gardens followed by tea at the Old Dairy Tea Room. The cost will be £14.50p to include garden entry, tea, and cake.

After the coffee break, we welcomed back Melanie Gibson-Barton whose fully illustrated talk was entitled The Suffragettes and the Suffragists. The term "Suffragette" will always be associated with the women's fight to win the vote but Melanie's talk provided a much wider insight into the struggle which took over a century and explained the differences between the Suffragists who were the pioneers of the Votes for Women campaign and led by Millicent Fawcett and the Suffragettes who were led by Emmeline Pankhurst. The Suffragettes believed in taking more direct action. At the end of her talk Melanie told us that Prime Minister Herbert Asquith had been "challenged" by three high profile Suffragettes when leaving a service at Lympe church and

SALTWOOD VILLAGE SOCIETY

THURSDAY 16th MAY

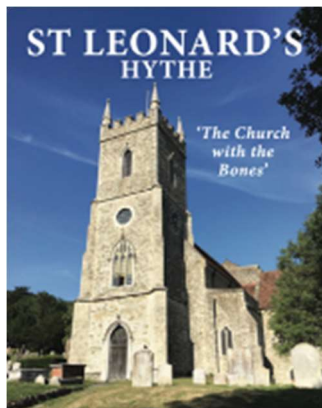
7.15 FOR 7.30PM

THE LADS' CLUB, RECTORY LANE

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

AND ITS BONES...

The illustrated talk, by Brin Hughes, provides background on St Leonard's, outlines the architectural history of the church and its contents, and focuses on the collection of human bones and skulls housed in the ossuary



BRIEF AGM/VILLAGE NEWS/RAFFLE/FREE REFRESHMENTS

MEMBERS £3, NON-MEMBERS £8. ALL WELCOME

FREE PARKING AT THE CHURCH

A Letter from the Rector

Dear all,

June 6, 1944, marked a pivotal moment in history - D-Day. It was the day when Allied forces launched a massive invasion against Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II. On this day, thousands of brave soldiers stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, in a daring operation that would ultimately change the course of the war. In June we will mark the event so not to forget. We will consider the significance of D-Day and pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who participated in this historic event.

D-Day was the culmination of months of meticulous planning and preparation. Allied commanders, led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, strategized to create a surprise element, and gain a foothold in Europe. The operation involved an intricate combination of land, air, and sea forces, with the objective of establishing a secure beachhead on the Normandy coast. Troops, equipment, and supplies were assembled, and a vast network of intelligence and deception was put into motion to mislead the enemy.

On the morning of June 6, 1944, thousands of troops from the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and other Allied nations embarked on a perilous journey across the English Channel. As dawn broke, the beaches of Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno, and Sword became the battlegrounds where bravery and determination were tested to their limits. Despite facing heavy German resistance and fortified defences, the Allied forces fought valiantly to secure their objectives. The sacrifices made on that fateful day were immense, with many lives lost, but their efforts would not be in vain.

The success of D-Day marked a turning point in World War II. It provided the Allies with a crucial foothold in Europe and paved the way for the

liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. The invasion forced the Germans to divert their resources and attention from other fronts, weakening their grip on the continent. D-Day also boosted the morale of the Allied forces and instilled hope in the hearts of millions who had longed for an end to the war.

It is essential that we remember and honour the brave soldiers who participated in D-Day. Their selflessness, courage, and unwavering determination serve as an inspiration to us all. Many paid the ultimate price, sacrificing their lives to secure freedom and democracy. It is our responsibility to ensure that their memory lives on and that their sacrifices are never forgotten. Let us take a moment to reflect on the immense bravery displayed on D-Day and express our gratitude to those who fought for a better world.

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.

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SHAL: Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne

Our professional archaeologist, Richard Taylor, attracted a large audience to his presentation of the Report of our 2023 excavation last August. He explained Lympne's importance to the Romans lay in its lagoon which enabled them to pursue a vast maritime trade and transport soldiers. Our 2022 dig had found archaeological evidence from 70 to 420 AD, coins after 270 and revealed a Roman roadside settlement and the cremated remains of a Roman legionary accompanied with five ceramic pots. The 2023 dig focused on Beacon Field with 3 trenches covering 60x70 m., uncovering considerable ceramics, mostly local pottery largely of prehistoric from Early to Late Iron Age prior to the Romans, and numerous Late Period Roman coins. Trench 1 had a double ditch feature and the remains of a thick wall with pottery, mainly 268 to 288. In Trench 2 a tile marked with CLBR (Classis Britannica) was found, with considerable Late Roman pottery dated 300 and two coins dated 270 and 365. Trench 3 contained a Roman defensive boundary wall 5 feet thick, in which 3 significant coins were found including one of the installed Emperor in Britain, Carausius, dated 287-290, who was assassinated in 293 on orders of Diocletian. As well as pottery and bone the significant finds were the skeletal remains of 5 individuals, 3 of which were neo-natal ranging from 16 to 40 weeks and a juvenile aged 2-4. Apart from other rubbish on the inside of the wall was a coin of Tetricus. In this later period Lympne's harbour remained important to the Romans with its access to Canterbury and London. Richard concluded by stating that the excavation focus in 2024 will be on Beacon Field to determine whether it was a defensive fortification or housed a beacon. The number of questions/ points raised demonstrated the considerable interest in SHAL's continuing excavations.

Our 21st May meeting at 7.30 in the Harry Margary Hall features Cressida Williams, Head of Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, who will talk on 'Magna Carta at Canterbury'.



REPLACING THE PEWS IN ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH WITH CHAIRS

The pews in St Stephen's are now in a poor state of repair. Much consideration has been given to repairing them or replacing them. After a great deal of research and consultation the decision has been made to replace the pews with a chair suitable for the age, status and current use of the church building. The chairs chosen are manufactured by ICS, the model being the Eton Light. They are made from high quality oak veneers and oak frames and will work well with the choir stalls and the pews in the side chapel, both of which will remain in the church.

If you would like to make a contribution or sponsor a chair for a loved one and **pay online**, please visit the website or use the QR code.

<https://lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk>, click **Lympne** on the top menu, and **Lympne Chairs**

Leaflets are available in the church, which is now open, if you wish to pay by other methods, or donate and sponsor a chair(s) at £100 per chair, donate under GiftAid or be recorded in the list of donors.

For bank transfer:

Account Name: Lympne PCC

Sort Code: 09-01-54

Account No: 0 6 5 6 6 0 8 9

Reference: Use your name

With grateful thanks from St Stephen's PCC.

Diary – St Peter and St Paul



May
2024



Wednesday 1st	10.00 – 11.30 14.00	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club – <i>and each following Wednesday</i> Afternoon Prayer Group meets at 34 Harpswood Lane
Thursday 2nd	19.00	Choir Practice – <i>and each following Thursday</i>
Friday 3rd	09.00	Prayer in the Church – and each following Friday
Sunday 5th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.40 10.00. 10.00	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel (<i>and each following Sunday</i>) Holy Communion Bubble Church in the Lads' Club
Monday 6th	N.B.	No Monday Chats - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th		Our Rector's day off – and each following Tuesday
Sunday 12th <i>Sunday After Ascension Day (Easter 7)</i>	09.00 10.00	Holy Communion BCP at Pedlinge Holy Communion
Monday 13th	14.00	Monday Chats in the Lads' Club
Saturday 18th	10.30 15.45	Coffee Morning at Lympne Church MESSY CHURCH in the Lads' Club
Sunday 19th <i>Pentecost</i>	08.00 10.00	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion – and Sunday Club in the Lads' Club

Monday 20th	14.00	Monday Chats in the Lads' Club
Wednesday 22nd	14.00	Cinema Club in the Lads' Club
Friday 24th	N.B.	Last date for items for the June magazine
Sunday 26th	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.00	Hooba Family Worship
Monday 27th	N.B.	No Monday Chats - Bank Holiday
Wednesday 29th	N.B.	No Saltwood Toddlers –holiday

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE
COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 18 MAY
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*
- *Sing along with Richard on the piano*

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

A21 (Fighting Human Trafficking)



From The Parish Records

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

Erica Gammon, whose funeral was on 18th April



With Pentecost in mind: Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.

– A Gordon

With Trinity Sunday in mind: Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence.

– John Wesley

Regular Groups

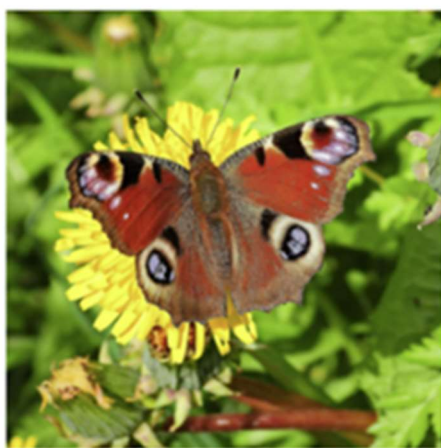
The prayer group meets on some Fridays at lunchtime - contact Rachel or Monica for exact dates. There are two house groups - Monday evening (contact Rachel & Peter) and Friday morning (contact Monica & Peter) that meet every two weeks.



Work continues most Tuesday and Saturday mornings to improve the churchyard for both people and wildlife. We are lucky that local wildlife photographer, Nick Hollands, has been documenting the wildlife seen, including a large variety of bees.



Male Buffish Mining Bee
on Forget me nots



Peacock Butterfly
on Dandelion



Be ye fishers of men – you catch them, and
He'll clean them.

– Anon

A Prayer for May

Earthquakes, explosions,
Tsunamis and terror,
Nation rising against nation,
Dictators destroying their own,
Floods, famine,
Families in sewer-slums,
Persecution, opposition,
And the list goes on...

Signs all around of a broken
world,
A warning world.

Send Your Spirit, Lord,
Bring Your healing,
Your compassion,
Bring Your good news
To those who must endure.
Open eyes to see beyond
disasters -
To the One who saves
And will wipe away all tears.

Come Lord Jesus.

By Daphne Kitching



SALT Bible Studies

SALT – ‘Sharing And Learning Together’ ... or ‘Saltwood And Lympe Together’ ... or maybe because Jesus said ‘You are the salt of the earth’ (*Matthew 5:13*) ... however you interpret the name, do consider joining one of our house groups. Whether in Saltwood or Lympe, in the daytime or the evening, you will find a warm welcome. Ask Jeremy Russell or Rachel Cornish and they will introduce you to the right group for you.

INTERCESSIONS FOR MAY



Today we pray especially for.....

- 1 Those who live in Turnpike Hill, Britten Close and Spanton Crescent
- 2 Those who lead and those who attend Messy Church
- 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 Those who lead and those who worship at Bubble Church
- 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 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
- 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

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



SERVICES AND EVENTS IN MAY

5th	Holy Communion	11.00
12th	Family Service	11.00
18th	Coffee Morning	10.30
19th	Holy Communion	11.00
26th	Holy Communion	11.00

Lympne Fellowship

Peter New was a very entertaining speaker at our April meeting. He gave an interesting and informative talk about Neighbourhood Watch, which we do not hear a lot about these days, although we still have faded signs around the village stating that 'this is a Neighbourhood Watch area'. Peter's talk was very well received and perhaps will lead to rejuvenating this important project.

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**

From Rachel Cornish, Warden at Lympne: -

Is Christianity a living faith? Or an historical event?

Do our church buildings show a living faith or a historical time capsule?

Do our church buildings show an inclusive church with all ages and backgrounds?

Or only images from hundreds or thousands of years ago?

Do our churches show a welcoming community or just caretakers of an ancient monument?

With church buildings open in the summer and many people visiting, what impression do our church buildings give? A church might be welcoming on a Sunday but midweek that welcome is hidden.

Last month many visitors to Lympne church saw the children's activities throughout the church and the impact of this was amazing: People were both surprised and pleased to see these activities. We should ensure the life of the church is visible, especially when we have beautiful buildings that attract visitors.

From the Parish Magazine – May 2004

In our 2004 magazine, in an article on the rainbow centre, Deryck Ball wrote

“Research has revealed that the level of deprivation in Folkestone is very high and is comparable with that of Toxteth; also that the unemployment level in Folkestone is one of the highest in Kent; and that homelessness is a major cause for concern. It is against this background that Foodstop was born ... a mobile facility providing soup and sandwiches for the homeless, the hungry and others on the borderline who need help.”

(Editor: How sad that twenty years on this service is still needed; how wonderful that volunteers, including from this congregation, are still keeping Foodstop going.)

- 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



Prayer Ministry at Saltwood

The Prayer Ministry Team are there for YOU, in the sanctuary at Saltwood, after the 10 a.m. service every week.

Wondering just what happens if you come for prayer? If you wish, you can share your prayer need (for yourself or someone else) in just a few words. The two prayer team members will pray in response to your need, simply bringing that need to Jesus and asking for his blessings. If you prefer, you don't have to say anything - we will pray for you, that the Lord would meet you at your point of need that day. You may also like to have the sign of the cross marked on your forehead and palms with oil that has been blessed for healing (anointing.)

Worried about confidentiality? Everything you say will be treated in complete confidence. Team members are bound by the strictest rule of respecting the trust you place in them and will not betray that trust.

Worried that you'll feel self-conscious? Everyone else is busy getting coffee, no-one will be watching you.

Be encouraged to come for prayer!



Pentecost - not a Ghost but a Gift

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. There are no processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover, they had an amazing collective experience.



Pentecost -Acts 2

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets

I appeal to both Lympne and Saltwood members to consider taking part - and it’s not limited to church members. All are welcome. So please mark your diaries and consider taking part. Nobody has to walk or ride more than they’re able and it’s perfectly legitimate to do just what you can. It’s fun, not an ordeal.

Now for the crunch! These things don’t just happen. Organising Ride and Stride isn’t onerous, and I know there are a number of church members who have done it in the past and made a terrific job of it. If any one of you would be willing to take on the role this year, would you please let me know.

Pew Bibles and Lesson Readers

You will have noticed we have placed Bibles in the pews rather than leaving them catching dust in the bookshelves! We would encourage you to use them, either to browse before a service, or to follow the lessons as they’re read - even though the reader might choose to use a different translation.

Lesson Readers - would you please announce the page number in the church NRSV Bibles when you introduce the reading. This requires a bit of care because each section of the pew Bibles has its own page numbering. The Old Testament is numbered from page 1, similarly the Apocrypha, and the New Testament - each has its own numbering system.

When reading, it would be necessary to say, for example, “the reading is found in the Old Testament section of the pew Bibles, page number 123.” Clearly for the New Testament reading and the gospel, the reference will be to the New Testament numbering.

Until next time, God bless you all.

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.

You can find all the videos
at www.lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk/teaching-videos

If anyone is having difficulty viewing the videos, please let me know.

Reverend Barry's Day Off.

I would like to remind you all that 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, at Saltwood or Lympne.

Warning Order - Ride and Stride 2024 - Volunteer Organiser Required

Ride and Stride this year is on Saturday 14th September. It is a wonderful day out where we visit other churches and enjoy fellowship and some pretty good food offerings too. Last year we visited churches in Canterbury, and the year before in Folkestone. These were both really good days out, and there's no law that says we can't repeat what we've done before. The purpose of Ride and Stride is to have fun, and in doing so to raise sponsorship money for the Friends of Kent Churches, half of which is returned to us.

You can read about it here - <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.

The Bible in 50 words!

God made. Adam bit.
Noah arked. Abraham split.
Joseph ruled. Jacob fooled.
Bush talked. Moses balked.
Pharaoh plagued. People walked.
Sea divided. Tablets guided.
Promise landed.
Saul freaked. David peaked.
Prophets warned.
Jesus born.
God walked. Love talked.
Anger crucified.
Hope died.
Love rose. Spirit flamed.
Word spread. God remained.
— Anon

Who's Who at Saltwood

Following the recent APCM, here is an updated list of your PCC:

Chair: Rev Barry Knott

Secretary: Derek Harris

Treasurer: Laurie Maxfield

Church Wardens :

Carol Eastell (With specific responsibility for the Prayer Life of our Church)

John Campbell

Lay Reader ; Bob White

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Laurie Maxfield

John Campbell

Mary Hunter

Additional PCC Members

Rev Tricia Hill

Christine Dodd

Tess Duran

John Hall *

Alexandra Harrington *

Beth Lewsey

Penny Marsh

*(Each newly elected, replacing Gillian Weller and David Weller, whose terms of office had finished, and whom we thank for their time on the PCC)



Saltwood Cinema Club

on Wednesday 22nd May

at 2pm in the Lads' Club

ONE LIFE

This film starring Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn tells the story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued Jewish children from the Nazis.

Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake

All proceeds to the Lads' Club Funds

WARDENS' CORNER

From Carol Eastell: -

Wednesday 1 May at 2 pm – Melissa is leading the monthly **Afternoon Prayer** session. Please come and join us to pray for the Church and the world which needs a bucketload of prayer these days. We are meeting in the home of Penny Forsyth, 34 Harpswood Lane.

Monday Chats

Well two negatives and one lovely positive. The negs are Monday Chats are not meeting on the two Bank Holidays in May, that is Monday 6 May and Monday 27 May. However, I have just booked the Clifton Hotel for Afternoon Tea on 24 June at 2 pm. We had a super tea last year and Geoff is getting ready to count how many cakes he can safely tuck away! So, any Monday Chatterers out there, make sure I have your name on my list. Oh, and let me know if you have any allergies.