

# **The King's Wood Benefice**

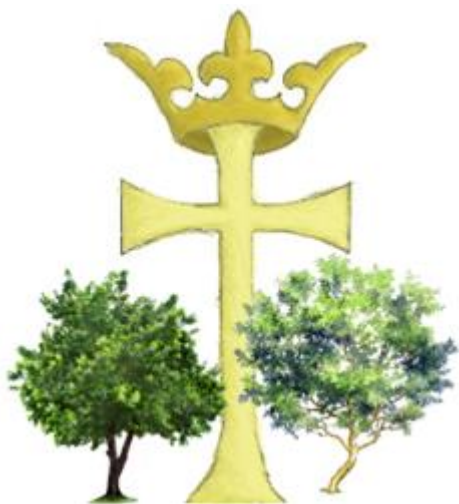
**St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock**

**St. Peter's Molash**

**St. Mary's Chilham**

**St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary Crundale**



**DIARY**  
**AUGUST 2025**

## **August Services Diary**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm Wedding @ Chilham**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Morning Worship @ Crundale - Roz**  
**9.30am Holy Communion @ Challock – Rev Sue**  
**11am Holy Communion @ Chilham – Rev Sue**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion @ Molash – Rev Sue**  
**10am Parish Praise @ Godmersham – Sue Lloyd**  
**Patronal Sunday followed by BBQ**  
**11am Morning Worship @ Chilham – Simon**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion @ Crundale – Rev Brian**  
**10.30am Family Service @ Challock – the Team**  
**11am Celtic Holy Communion @ Chilham**  
**Rev Brian**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Morning Worship @ Molash – Rev Steve**  
**10am Holy Communion @ Godmersham**  
**Rev Brian**  
**11am Holy Communion @ OWLS – The Team**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm Wedding @ Godmersham**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 11am Benefice Holy Communion @ St. Mary's**  
**Chilham followed by Shared Lunch**

## **August Church Meetings**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 6pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Chilham**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August Benefice Group Meeting @ The Vicarage  
7pm**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 6pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Godmersham**

## **August Events**

**Every Tuesday in August 10am to 12 Noon Brew & Be You @ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 10.30am to 12 noon Dutch Group visiting for  
Jane Austen Tour @ Godmersham Church & Park**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm to 6pm Sunley 10 versus Vicar's 10  
@ Cricket at Godmersham Park come along and support and  
bring a picnic.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Chilham**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 3pm to 5pm Jane Austen Tour @  
Godmersham Church**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2pm to 4pm OWLS Community Tea  
@ Village Hall**

**23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 5pm Challock Flower Festival @ The  
Church**



## **Brew and be You**

Would love to warmly welcome you all to our community church cuppa with cake chatter, activities, quiet spaces, Come along and Join in, or just listen from a quiet corner.

10:00-12:00 at Godmersham Church  
It's for the whole Benefice  
Contact: Caroline Harden-Old  
[hardencl@hotmail.com](mailto:hardencl@hotmail.com) 07540066974

Why not come and..

Seize the Moment to meet old and new  
Have a cuppa chat and cake  
Bring along your creative crafts  
Come along and just be you.

Open to any and all  
There's nature a plenty all around  
If it's peaceful you're after, come find it,  
Try the group out and have a ball

Singing and Dancing if you like  
Playing board games or read a book  
Paper and pens, write or draw  
Come join us by car, on foot or bike

**ST MARY'S  
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP  
at Chilham St. Mary's Church**



**Tuesday Mornings  
10.00 to 11.30 a.m.  
Children from birth to 4 years  
with their parents or carers. Term Time Only**



This informal play environment offers a friendly and welcoming space for families to have fun and spend time with their children while getting to know other families.

Attendance is free and refreshments are provided.

For more information please contact Brenda

Phone: 01227 730032

## St Mary's Chilham Bell Ringers Association



# Discover the Unique Joy of Bell Ringing!

**Ever wondered about the beautiful sounds drifting from our local church tower?**

Now's your chance to be part of creating them!

We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our friendly team of bell ringers. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn and a desire to be part of a fascinating and rewarding tradition.

**What is bell ringing?** It's a centuries-old art form, a fantastic mental workout, and a wonderful way to connect with your community. You'll learn a unique skill, develop rhythm and coordination, and contribute to local events and celebrations.

**Who can ring?** People of all ages (from around 10 upwards) and backgrounds can become bell ringers. If you're reasonably fit, can climb a few steps, and enjoy a bit of a challenge, you're perfect for us!

**What's involved?** We'll teach you everything you need to know, from the basic techniques to the intricate patterns of change ringing. It's a supportive environment, and you'll be ringing alongside experienced members who are keen to share their passion.

**Interested in finding out more?** We'd love to hear from you!

Come along to our **practice night every Monday 7.30 pm until 9 pm** to see what it's all about, or simply get in touch for a chat call Richard Austin on 07984 565649 or email [doug.rich@btinternet.com](mailto:doug.rich@btinternet.com)

**Join us and help keep this incredible tradition alive!**



# A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



## COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 10.30

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH  
CHILHAM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO  
THIS GATHERING!

Jan Armishaw and Team

For more information, please contact [janarmishw@gmail.com](mailto:janarmishw@gmail.com), or  
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**SOS – Help needed!!!**  
**The Five Church Walk is in need of a new**  
**Chairman. For more details contact Geoff**  
**Jenkins on: [geoffjenkins195@gmail.com](mailto:geoffjenkins195@gmail.com)**  
**01233 740598**

**Can you help? Your Village Needs You**



There are various ways we can keep in touch about Village life, but it needs people to be aware of what is going on

For example, we have a Village magazine staffed by volunteers who produce an excellent service for the community The Magazine is the responsibility of the Church

Recently, there have been a few changes in personnel. We are now seeking two new team members: a Treasurer and an Editor. If you feel you could help in these tasks, please contact for more information Yve White at [yve492@btinternet.com](mailto:yve492@btinternet.com).

The Church also needs a new Treasurer James who has been doing a fantastic job is moving away from the area however he will be available to hand over the reins and explain what is needed.



Finally, we need a new Church Administrator for the Benefice Jennie who has carried out the role so well has taken up full time employment and can no longer give the seven hours a week needed to fill the role

This position is remunerated and involves working with the Churches in the Benefice

Booking Weddings Christening and Funerals along with other admin duties

If you are interested contact George Kennedy Church Warden at St Mary's

[bettex@mac.com](mailto:bettex@mac.com) And he will put you in touch with the PCC

We are lucky to live in such a lovely part of the Country, and I really hope some of you will respond to this note. Community spirit is very important, and we need your help to maintain the quality of life we have in the area

Yours truly,

George M Kennedy  
Church Warden St Mary's Chilham

# **CHALLOCK FLOWER FESTIVAL**



**23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup> and 25<sup>TH</sup> August 2025**

**10am to 5pm**

**Free Admission & Parking**

**Donations Appreciated**

**Grand Raffle**

**Tombola, Live Music**

**Teas,**

**Ploughmans & Refreshments**

**Famous for Delicious Homemade Cakes**

**St. Cosmas & St. Damian Church,**

**Church Lane, Challock TN25 4DB**

**Known for amazing murals**

# **From Rector.....**

Hello Everyone

Enjoy the summer and rejoice in God's beautiful creation.

Please do take notice of all the positions that need filling that George has drawn our attention to. Maybe God is calling you to step up and be a blessing to us all.

Just a note to say I will be on Annual Leave from 16<sup>th</sup> August until 30<sup>th</sup> August but back for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August which is 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday so we will all be joining together at St. Mary's Chilham. There will be a shared Lunch afterwards Bring and Share. There will be lists at the back of each Church asking for people to sign up to bring things along and also a sign up list so we know numbers. Do encourage non church friends to come along .

This is the first of the Benefice Socials we are looking to run to bring communities together. Look out for October when we are hoping to run a Barn Dance so we will all be able to get our dancing shoes on.

A reminder if you or you know of anyone who wants to be Confirmed please let me know as we are looking to start some Confirmation Classes in the Autumn. Please contact me if you would like to join.

From August we will not have weekly Benefice News but the Readings and Collects and Prayer Requests for each week will be in the Diary each month.

**Every Blessing**  
**Rev Sue Martin**

# **BENEFICE SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION**



**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST  
11AM  
ST. MARY'S CHILHAM**

**FOLLOWED BY  
SHARED COMMUNITY LUNCH  
ALL WELCOME**



## **AUGUST READINGS**

**3                    7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Hosea 11.1-11; Psalm 107.1-9; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21*

**10                  8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Isiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-7; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40*

**17                  9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Isiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.9-end; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56*

**24                  10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13.10-17*

**31                  11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81.1-11; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14*

## **AUGUST COLLECTS**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
    both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
    and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and  
    ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR.....**

Alasdair Bedford, Elisabeth Arter, Vi Evans, Val Jackson,  
Rev Garth Barber and Elspeth Barber

We also remember all those who are sick at the present  
time together with families and those that care for them.

## **LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH PRAYER**

**God of mission**

**Who alone brings growth to your Church,**

**Send your Holy Spirit to give**

**Vision to our planning**

**Wisdom to our actions,**

**Joy to our worship**

**And power to our witness.**

**Help our church to grow in numbers,**

**In spiritual commitment to you.**

**And in service to our local communities, Through**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

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