

The King's Wood Benefice

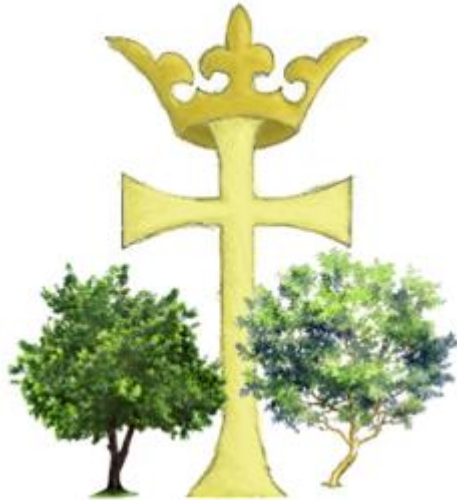
St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock

St. Peter's Molash

St. Mary's Chilham

St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale



DIARY
JANUARY 2026

JANUARY SERVICES DIARY

Sunday 4th January

9.30am Morning Worship @ St. Mary The Blessed Virgin
Crundale

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Cosmas & St. Damian
Challock

11am Holy Communion @ St. Mary's Chilham

Sunday 11th January

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Peter's Molash

10am Parish Praise @ St. Lawrence the Martyr
Godmersham

11am Morning Worship @ St. Mary's Chilham

Sunday 18th January

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Mary The Blessed Virgin
Crundale

9.30am Family Service @ St. Cosmas & St. Damian
Challock

11am Celtic Holy Communion @ St. Mary's Chilham

Sunday 25th January

9.30am Morning Worship @ St. Peter's Molash

10am Holy Communion @ St. Lawrence the Martyr
Godmersham

11am Service @ The Village Hall Old Wives Lees

JANUARY CHURCH MEETINGS

Tuesday 13th January 10am Housegroup @ Judith Rosato's

Tuesday 13th January 7pm Chilham PCC @ The Vicarage

Wednesday 14th January 7pm Godmersham PCC @ St. Lawrence the Martyr.

Thursday 15th January 7.30pm Housegroup @ The Vicarage.

Tuesday 20th January 7pm Challock & Molash PCC @ Clare's House

Thursday 22nd January 7.30pm Housegroup @ The Vicarage

Tuesday 27th January 10am Housegroup @ Judith Rosato's

Wednesday 28th January 2pm Church Warden's Meeting

Thursday 29th January 10.30am @ The Vicarage Website Team Meeting.

January Events

Saturday 10th January 8.30am to 10am Men's Prayer Breakfast @ The Vicarage. For more details contact Kevin: 07545 173427 or Simon: 07576 853464. This will be a monthly event on 2nd Saturday of the month.

Sunday 11th January 3pm Plough Sunday Service & Tea @ St. Mary's Chilham

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st Pantomime @ The Village Hall Challock MOTHER GOOSE. Tickets available from The Barn Challock.

**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

Join us and help keep this incredible tradition alive!



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

ON THE 2nd WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH 10.30

January 14th

February 11th

March 11th

April 8th

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH
CHILHAM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO
THIS GATHERING!

Jan Armishaw and Team

For more information, please contact janarmishw@gmail.com, or
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**SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY
2026**

8.30am to 10am



**To be held at The Vicarage, 3
Hambrook Close, Chilham
Kent CT4 8EJ**

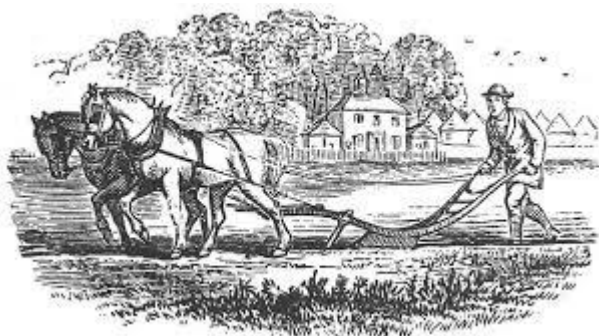
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To book please phone:

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PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE



Sunday 11th January 2026

3pm

St. Mary's Chilham

Followed by Tea

A warm welcome awaits everyone as we
celebrate this special time in the year

A Special Invite to our Farming
Community

From Rector.....

A Happy New Year to Everyone!

How many of us have broken our New Year Resolutions? At the start of a new year, it is good to look to the future and what God has in plan for us as individuals and corporately. Is there something new that God may be calling you to? If we keep in communion with God through prayer we need to be listening to his voice as He helps us to understand his plans through the Holy Spirit. In January we celebrate Epiphany the arrival of The Kings from afar to visit the new-born King and they listening to God tell Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt with Jesus, as they were in danger from King Herod. In our readings this month we also learn about the Baptism of Christ, Jesus showing us the way to draw close to Him and we have the wonderful readings about Paul's Conversion. All about new beginnings and transformation through Christ. May we too look to Christ for our new beginnings.

**Every Blessing
Rev Sue Martin**

JANUARY READINGS

4th EPIPHANY GOLD or WHITE

*Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72. 1-9,10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12;
Matthew 2.1-12*

11th BAPTISM of CHRIST

1st SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY GOLD or WHITE

*Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm
29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-end*

18th 2nd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY - WHITE

*Isaiah 49.1-7 ; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John
1.29-42*

25th CONVERSION of PAUL WHITE

*Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 67 ; Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-
end*

JANUARY COLLECTS

Sunday 4th January 2026

Epiphany

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples
of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water
and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
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 18th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 25th January 2026

Conversion of Paul

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant
Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful
conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your
truth;
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, Vi Evans, Val Jackson,

Rev Garth Barber and Elspeth Barber; Jayne and David
Arnott; Angela Stafford

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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