

# **The King's Wood Benefice**

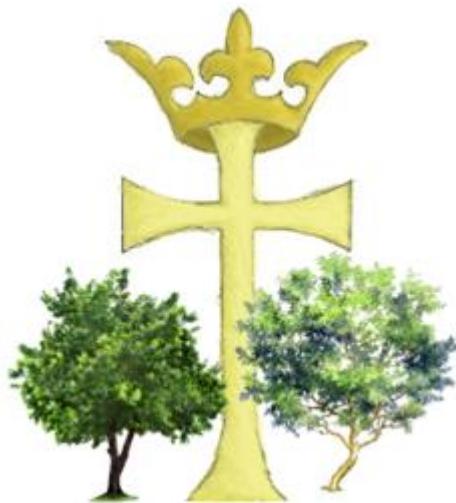
**St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 10am Housegroup @ Judith Rosato's**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Chilham PCC @ The Vicarage**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Godmersham PCC @ St. Lawrence the Martyr.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Housegroup @ The Vicarage.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Challock & Molash PCC @ Clare's House**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7.30pm Housegroup @ The Vicarage**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10am Housegroup @ Judith Rosato's**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2pm Church Warden's Meeting**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am @ The Vicarage Website Team Meeting.**

## **January Events**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.**

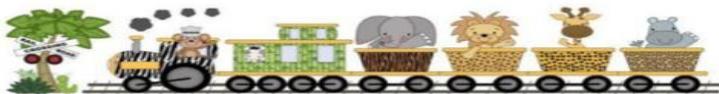
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 3pm Plough Sunday Service & Tea @ St. Mary's Chilham**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](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

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH  
CHILHAM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO  
THIS GATHERING!

Jan Armishaw and Team



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**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
2026  
8.30am to 10am**



**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

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

**To be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.**

**To book please phone:**

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# PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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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