

The King's Wood Benefice

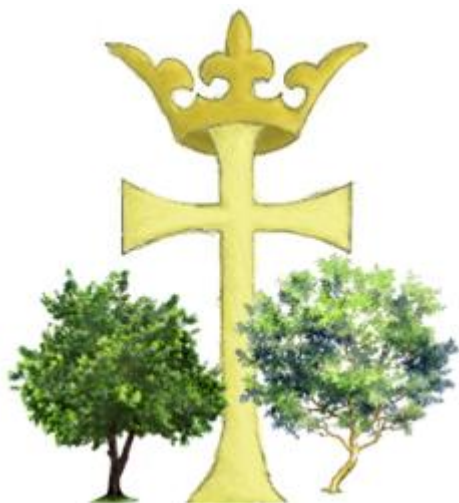
St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock

St. Peter's Molash

St. Mary's Chilham

St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale



DIARY
MAY 2026

MAY SERVICES DIARY

Sunday 3rd

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 10th

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Peter's Molash

10am Parish Praise @ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

11am Morning Worship @ St. Mary's Chilham

Thursday 14th ASCENSION DAY

5pm Holy Communion @ St Mary's Chilham

Sunday 17th

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

10.30am Family service @ St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock

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

Sunday 24th

9.30am Morning Worship @ St. Peter's Molash

10am Holy Communion @ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

11am United Service @ The Village Hall Old Wives Lees

Sunday 31st

10am Holy Communion Benefice Service @ St Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

MAY CHURCH MEETINGS

**Thursday 7th May 7.30pm @ The Vicarage
Benefice Group Summer BBQ Planning Meeting**

**Saturday 9th May 8.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
@ The Vicarage**

**Wednesday 13th May @ The Vicarage
Church Wardens Meeting**

**Wednesday 13th May Deanery Synod
7pm
Venue tbc**

**Thursday 14th May 7.30pm
Housegroup @ The Vicarage**

**Friday 22nd May 5pm
St. Mary's Chilham
Wedding Rehearsal**

**Saturday 23rd May 1pm
Wedding @ St. Mary's Chilham
Matt Hunt & Bethany Connell**

**Sunday 24th May 12.30pm
Baptism @ St. Lawrence the Martyr
Godmersham**

**Thursday 28th May 7.30pm @ The Vicarage
House Group**

**Monday 1st June 7pm @ St. Mary's Chilham
Friends of Chilham Church AGM**

MAY EVENTS

Monday 4th May - Five Church Walk

**Friday 8th May 12 Noon Funeral @ St. Cosmas
and St. Damian Challock
Michael Marlow**

**Saturday 9th May @ St. Mary's Chilham
Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Choir
7pm**

**Sunday 10th May @ St. Mary the Blessed Virgin
Crundale 2.30pm
Rogation Service and Walk followed by Cream
Tea**

**Friday 15th May 7pm for 7.30pm Andre Farrer
Talk on Nature in The North Downs(Kent is The
Only Place for Happiness @ St. Lawrence the
Martyr Godmersham**

Cost £10

Children are Free

Friends of Godmersham Church Event.

Thursday 21st May

10am & 5.30pm

**Jane Austen Tours at St. Lawrence the Martyr
Godmersham**

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

May 13th

June 10th

July 8th

August 12th

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

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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The Five Church Walk

Join this long established charitable walk on

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

4th MAY 2026

Find details & photos of the 16 mile circular route on
www.thefivechurchwalk.co.uk

& choose how far to walk starting from any church:-

Ss Cosmas & Damian, Challock

St Peter, Molash

St Mary, Chilham

St Lawrence, Godmersham

All Saints, Boughton Aluph

Minimum cash donation of £5 per adult requested at start
by Cash or Cheque only

Donations may additionally be made for:-

The Pilgrims Hospices

or Kent Air Ambulance

Just register at any church from 10 am; walk ends 6 pm.
Follow the big red arrows along quiet lanes or footpaths,
& enjoy home made refreshments served at each church.

**SATURDAY 9th MAY
2026**

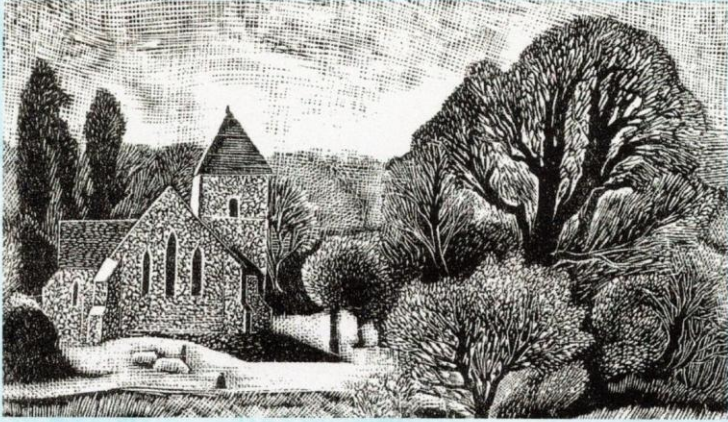
8.30am to 10am



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

To be held 2nd Saturday of the month.

**To book please phone:
Simon: 07576853464**



Nature in the North Downs

'Kent is the only place for happiness'

André Farrar

illustrated talk by renowned local wildlife expert

Godmersham Church

Friday 15th May

7 for 7.30 PM

£10-Children free



THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME
BUTLINS MINEHEAD
29TH MARCH TO 2ND APRIL 2027

If you are interested in going to Spring Harvest in 2027
please contact Rev Sue

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by

Saturday 6th June 2026

I have brochures available with costings and can explain how it all works to anyone interested. We do need to get in with our booking quite quick as the booking line has opened early this year

**An Musical Evening
With
Snowdown Male Voice Choir**

Musical Director
Graham Bissett

Accompanist
Aileen Dickson

**Saturday 9th May
7.00
St. Mary's Church
Chilham
£10**

**Tickets on sale at Post Office and Chilham Shop
or at the door**



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From The Rector



Dear Friends

On Easter Monday this year a small group of us from the Benefice went to Minehead Butlins in Somerset, for this years Spring Harvest. A wonderful time was had by all. Our day started with the Big Start which was a Family Magazine Style Worship. We had a new song to learn and drama and a memory verse. It was an exciting start to the day. Children then go off to their groups and there is a Youth sessions as well. Adults well we had Bible Study on the theme of the week with excellent teaching and then after coffee break we could have discussion and questions in a Lounge environment. In the afternoon we could use the Butlins facilities or attend various seminars and workshops put on. After tea we were off to the main celebration which was in various venues and times. Great worship and again excellent teaching.

What you have to imagine is that you are with 5000+ Christians on the same site and the size in the main celebrations is mind boggling.

You can go self catering or have a food package. The Food Package is very good with help yourself buffet breakfast and evening meal. You can buy snacks for lunchtime if you wish.

Sleeping is in chalets with different costs depending on what you decide.

You can walk out the main entrance of Butlins straight onto the beach at Minehead and the Town Centre is only 10 minutes walk away.

We had a great time and would love to have you join us next year. Please see the poster in this diary

Every Blessing

Rev Sue Martin

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MAY COLLECTS

Sunday 3rd May

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before
us
you put into our minds good desires, so
by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 10th May

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your
Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled
us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us to eternal joy;
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.

Thursday 14th May

ASCENSION DAY

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten
Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 17th May

7th SUNDAY of EASTER

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 24th May

PENTECOST - PRINCIPAL FEAST

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy
Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy
comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 31st May

TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from
all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now an

PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

Alasdair Bedford, Vi Evans, Val Jackson,

Rev Garth Barber and Elspeth Barber; Jayne and David
Arnott; Lesley Daniels

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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