

# **The King's Wood Benefice**

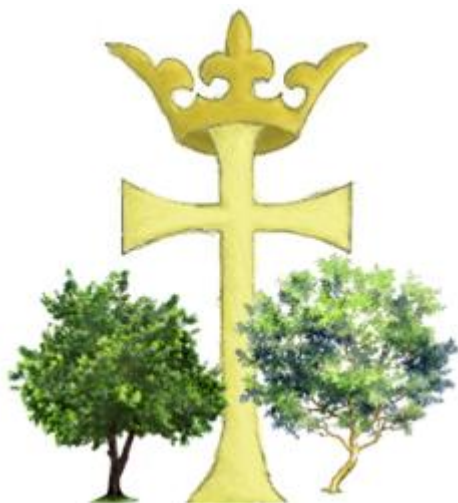
**St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock**

**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**

**11am 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm @ The Vicarage  
Benefice Group Summer BBQ Planning Meeting**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
@ The Vicarage**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ The Vicarage  
Church Wardens Meeting**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May Deanery Synod  
7pm  
Venue tbc**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Housegroup @ The Vicarage**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 5pm  
St. Mary's Chilham  
Wedding Rehearsal**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm  
Baptism @ St. Lawrence the Martyr  
Godmersham**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm @ The Vicarage  
House Group**

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

## **MAY EVENTS**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Five Church Walk**

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

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

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](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

**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](mailto:janarmishw@gmail.com), or  
01227761204 07885966304



**The Five Church Walk**

Join this long established charitable walk on

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

**4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

Find details & photos of the 16 mile circular route on  
[www.thefivechurchwalk.co.uk](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> MAY  
2026**

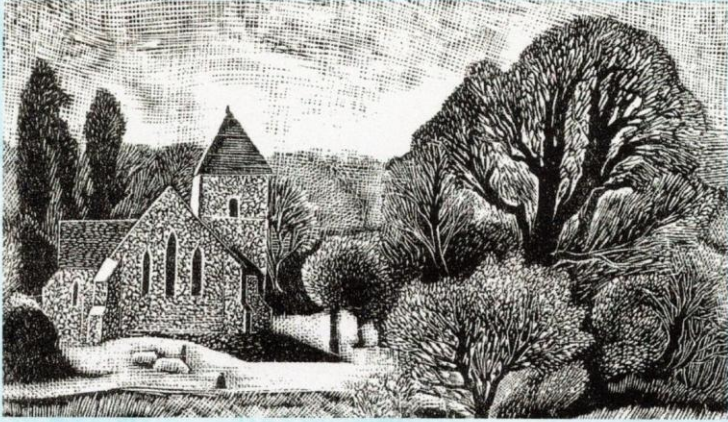
**8.30am to 10am**



**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:  
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  
29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2027

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

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by

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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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