

The King's Wood Benefice

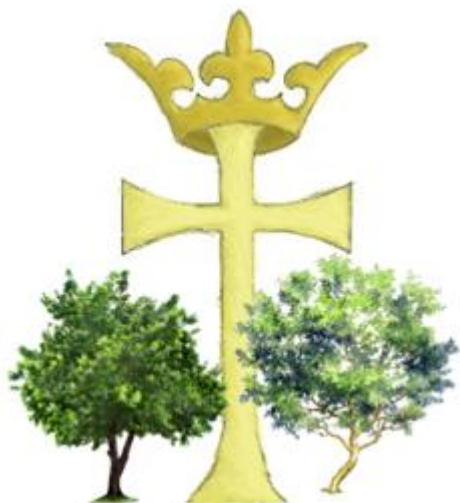
St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock

St. Peter's Molash

St. Mary's Chilham

St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale



DIARY
JULY 2026

JULY SERVICES DIARY

Sunday 5th

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 12th

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Peter's Molash

10am Parish Praise @ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

11am Morning Worship @ St. Mary's Chilham

Friday 17th July 9.15am Chilham School Leavers Service in St. Mary's Chilham

Sunday 19th

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

Saturday 25th July

12 Noon Wedding at St. Mary's Chilham

1pm Wedding at St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

Sunday 26th

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

JULY CHURCH MEETINGS

**Wednesday 1st July 10.30am Safeguarding Team
Meeting @ Fay's**

**Thursday 9th July
No Housegroup at The Vicarage**

**Thursday 16th July
9.15am to 10.30am Leaver's Service Practice in
St. Mary's Chilham**

**Sunday 19th July
4pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Godmersham**

**Wednesday 22nd July 2pm
Church Warden's Meeting @ the Vicarage**

**Thursday 23rd July 7.30pm
Housegroup @ The Vicarage**

**Friday 24th July
5pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Chilham
6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Godmersham**

Friday 31st July
5pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Challock

JULY EVENTS

Friday 3rd July 7pm
Friends of Challock Church
Quiz Night

Saturday 18th July
3 Village Fete Chilham
12 Noon start

Sunday 19th July
1pm to 6pm
Vicar's Cricket Team v Sunley Cricket Team
Bring a Picnic
Godmersham Park

Sunday 19th July
3pm to 5pm
Strawberry Tea Fundraiser for Cancer Research
Dane Court Farm, Chilham, CT4 8ES
Entrance £5 Adults/ £2.50 Children
Cash Only

Friday 24th July
OWLS Tea

Future Dates

BENEFICE EVENT

Saturday 8th August

Challock Leas

2pm to 5pm

Summer Games Festival & BBQ

For all the family

**£5 Entry to include Burger or Hot Dog and
a drink.**

Challock Flower Show

29th, 30th and 31st August

10am to 5pm

Songs & Showstoppers

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

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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**NO MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
THIS MONTH**



**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**



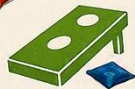
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- CHURCH -
SUMMER
Games
- AND -

BBQ

ENTRY £5
- INCLUDING
SAUSAGE/BURGER + DRINK



FUN GAMES
FOR ALL AGES!



FRIENDLY
COMPETITION



DELICIOUS FOOD
& GOOD COMPANY



BUILDING COMMUNITY
TOGETHER



SATURDAY
8TH AUGUST 2026



2:00 - 5:00 PM



METHODIST
CHURCH,
CHALLOCK



BRING A LAWN CHAIR
& YOUR APPETITE!



HOSTED BY
KINGSWOOD BENEFICE
AND CHALLOCK METHODIST CHAPEL





SONGS & SHOWSTOPPERS



Challock Flower Festival

29th 30th 31st August 2026

10am to 5pm

Free admission & Parking

Donations appreciated

Grand Raffle

Tombola, Live Music,

Teas, Savouries,

& Refreshments

Famous for delicious

homemade cakes!

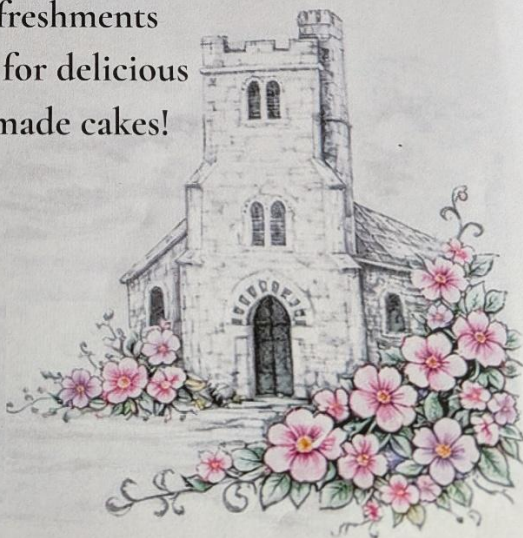


SS Cosmas and Damian

Church, Church Lane.

Challock, TN25 4DB

Known for its amazing Murals





PROGRAMME



Judging starts 1pm with sale of cakes for charity - scan QR code for entry form

Fun Run
St Mary's School PTA
Castle Grounds
1pm start



3rd Chilham Novelty Dog Show

Time	Event	Where
11:30 - 12:00	Church Bells	St Mary's Church
12:00	Official opening of the Fete	The Square
12:00 - 4:00	Hoops & Graces – hula hoop demonstration and tuition	Castle Grounds
12:10	Viking Bay Morris	The Square
12:30	Canterbury Gospel Choir	Stage
1:00	Great Chilham Bakeoff judging	The Square
1:00	Fun run (PTA)	Castle Grounds
1:30	Hand Bells	Stage
2:15	Old Wives Lees Community Choir	Stage
2:30	Midlife Crisis	Stage
3:00	Gerry Birch Jazz Band	Stage
4:00 - 5:00	Dog Show	Castle Grounds
4:30 - 5:30	Snow Black (live ambient music)	Mabet's Wood
6:00	The Marsh Family Singers	Stage
8:00	Disco & Karaoke	Stage
	DJ Aleks Nowak	
10:00	Close	

- Market stalls
- Food and drink
- Games and sideshows
- Live music
- Vintage steam tractor

Look out for updates on social media

enquiries
chilham3vf@outlook.com



Calling all cake bakers – the **Great Chilham Bake Off** is part of the programme of events for the **Chilham Three Villages Fete** on Saturday 18th July in the Village Square.

Following judging, portions of cake will be sold to raise money for charity.

To enter, just bring your cake to the booth in the square, next to the gates of Chilham castle on the day between 12 noon and 12:30 ready for judging and prize giving to begin at 1pm.



Your cake must be accompanied by an entry form – these are available either from Chilham Post Office or can be downloaded by scanning the QR code below. Please ensure the form is fully completed – especially listing ingredients.

Contact email – chilham3vf@outlook.com

The Chilham Three Villages Fete 2026 is sponsored by Chilham parish Council

CHILHAM FUN RUN

Part of the Three Villages Fête

SATURDAY 18TH JULY

REGISTRATION FROM

12:00 PM

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RACE START

1:00 PM

.....
CHILHAM CASTLE, KENT

FREE ENTRY • ALL AGES WELCOME

Raising Funds for
St Mary's Chilham
Primary School ♥

REGISTER ONLINE



▶ RUN • WALK • ENJOY ▶

From The Rector

Dear Friends

**I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?**

**My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121 verses 1 to 2

Summer is here and all the young people have finished their exams, and they are looking forward to the Summer Holidays. For some they are awaiting exam results to confirm where they will move onto. Having an eighteen year old who has just sat his A Levels I can understand the relief and the stress hoping for good results. This got me thinking about what we do when we all face times of stress and concern.

The verses above from Psalm 121 encourages us to look to God, to pray for help in times of distress and he will listen to us and help us. The problem is that we tend to try and sort things out on our own, which then causes more stress. Lifting our requests to God allows us to lay those issues worrying us at the foot of the Cross.

When I was younger, I remember having a wooden cross that sat in my room and when the various stressful issues occurred, I use to put them onto a stick it note and stick them to my cross. If you like I was off loading my burdens to God.

The Bible tells us to cast our burdens onto God as he cares for us.

That is so encouraging as we then realise that we are not alone. When the going gets tough, God is right beside us if we trust in Him.

So may I encourage us all to cast our burdens onto God and receive his love and care.

Have a blessed Summer.

Every Blessing

Rev Sue Martin

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JULY READINGS

5th **5th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**
Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-end; Romans 7.15-25; Psalm 45.10-end; Matthew 11.16-19,25-end.

12th **6th Sunday after Trinity**
GREEN
Genesis 25.19-end; Romans 8.1-11; Psalm 119.105-112; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23.

19th **7th Sunday after Trinity**
GREEN
Genesis 28.10-19 ; Romans 8.12-25; Psalm 139.1-11,23-24; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43.

26th **8th Sunday after Trinity**
GREEN
Genesis 29.15-28; Romans 8.26-end. ; Psalm 105.1-11,45 ; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52.

JULY COLLECTS

SUNDAY 5th JULY

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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 12th JULY

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 19th JULY

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 26th JULY

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.

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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