

# **The King's Wood Benefice**

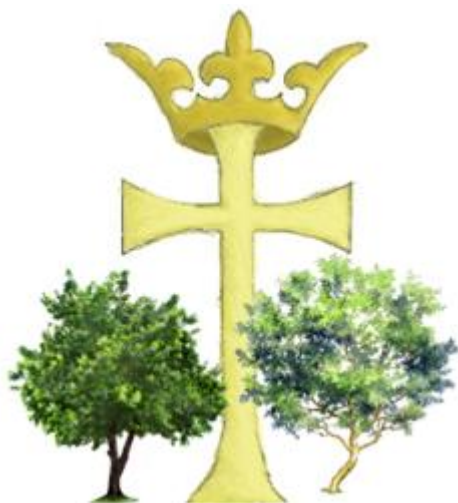
**St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock**

**St. Peter's Molash**

**St. Mary's Chilham**

**St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham**

**St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale**



**DIARY**  
**AUGUST 2026**

## **AUGUST SERVICES DIARY**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**12 Noon Wedding @ Godmersham**

**3pm Wedding @ Challock**

**Sunday 2nd**

**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 9th**

**9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Peter's  
Molash**

**11 am Patronal Service @ St. Lawrence the  
Martyr Godmersham**

**11am Morning Worship @ St. Mary's  
Chilham**

**Sunday 16th**

**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**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**11am Memorial Service & Burial of Ashes @ Challock**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**1pm Wedding @ Chilham**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**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**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**12.30pm Wedding @ Chilham**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**11am Benefice Holy Communion @ St.  
Mary's Chilham**

**AUGUST CHURCH MEETINGS**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July Wedding Rehearsal @ Challock**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 6pm @ The Vicarage,  
Benefice Group Meeting**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 7pm @ The Vicarage, All  
Together Now Family Service Team Meeting**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2pm**

**Christmas Tree Festival Team Meeting @ The  
Vicarage**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm  
Housegroup @ The Vicarage**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 7pm**  
**@ St. Mary's Chilham**  
**Christmas Tree Festival Meeting For**  
**Contributors**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 7pm**  
**@ Sue Uings**  
**Friends of Godmersham Church**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
**Evening**  
**Wedding rehearsal @ St. Mary's Chilham**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 6pm**  
**Wedding Rehearsal @ St. Mary's Chilham**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm**  
**House Group @ The Vicarage**

## **AUGUST EVENTS**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
8.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
The Vicarage**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
2pm to 5pm  
Challock Leas  
Summer Games Fest and BBQ  
£5 a head**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August  
@ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham  
Patronal BBQ  
11.45am**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Challock Church Flower Festival  
10am to 5pm**

## FUTURE DATES

### An Evening of Classical Music at Crundale Church

Saturday 26th of September 7:30 PM,

This will be the 19th year of our Music by Candlelight at Crundale, when we welcome Irene Duval, violinist. Born in France, Irene grew up in Japan, returning to France to study at the prestigious Conservatoire Supérieur de Music de Paris. She has been described as a 'uniquely compelling violinist' performing as a soloist with the Royal Philharmonic, the Chamber Orchestra of Europe and other major European orchestras. In 2021 she was a prize winner at the Young Classical Artists Trust's international auditions in London. Her programme at Crundale will include works by Bach, Tavener and Enescu.

To request tickets, or for further information, please contact me on **01233 813709** or e-mail

[trimworth95@gmail.com](mailto:trimworth95@gmail.com).

All proceeds in aid of Crundale Church.

Richard Goodenough



**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

**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**

# **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**



**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**



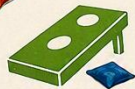
— CHURCH —  
**SUMMER**  
*Games*  
— AND —

**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**



# **BENEFICE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**



We are excited to let you know that the  
Benefice will be holding a Christmas  
Tree Festival again this year in St  
Mary's Chilham Church.

Come along to find out more on the  
evening of 18th August in St Mary's at  
7pm.

(RSVP if possible to  
[info@kingswoodbenefice.co.uk](mailto:info@kingswoodbenefice.co.uk))

**The Christmas Tree Festival  
Team**



# Lazy



# Summer Afternoon

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Come and enjoy a lazy Summer afternoon  
in and around Godmersham Church

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**



Cakes & Refreshments



Tea & Coffee



A chance to chat with  
old friends and make  
new acquaintances.

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 *Everyone is welcome!*



# SONGS & SHOWSTOPPERS



Challock Flower Festival

29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

10am to 5pm

Free admission & Parking

Donations appreciated

Grand Raffle

Tombola, Live Music,

Teas, Savouries,

& Refreshments

Famous for delicious

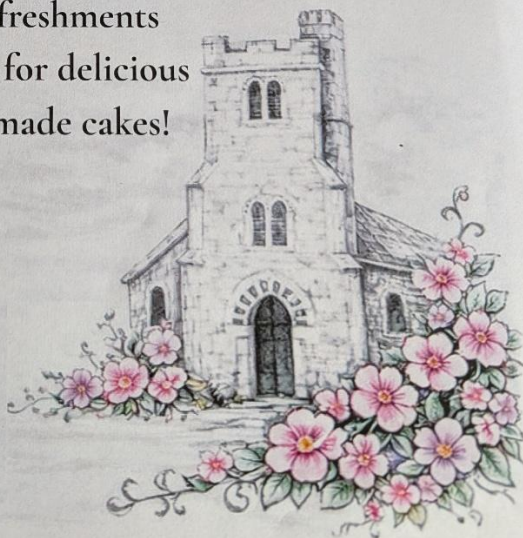
homemade cakes!



SS Cosmas and Damian  
Church, Church Lane.

Challock, TN25 4DB

Known for its amazing Murals



# From The Rector

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS



SOMEONE FROM THE DIOCESE  
IS GIVING OUT THE HYMNBOOKS



A FAMILY OF HOLIDAYMAKERS  
IS PREACHING THE SERMON



A RETIRED PRIEST IS  
LOOKING AFTER THE CRECHE



A VISITING CHOIR IS MAKING  
THE AFTER-SERVICE REFRESHMENTS

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## Hello Friends

I can assure you all that your Rector will be around this summer holiday season as I am just back from a lovely holiday in Yorkshire. As a family we had a great time enjoying the historical sites and the wildlife. I had the family laughing at me when we went to Bampton Cliffs RSPB to look for Puffins. I thought they were large birds and felt disappointed until I was firmly told that they were tiny little birds. Then I was able to zoom in and get some lovely photos. It made my day.

I wonder what plans you all have for the summer holidays? It should be a time of refreshment and coming together for families. Jesus was keen on taking time out to spend with his Father in heaven in prayer, but also the Bible teaches us that a Sabbath Day is important for us all

**to be able to continue in our hectic lives. If you don't get chance to go away, put the breaks on and have a rest.**

**As a Benefice we are holding a special event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm to 5pm on Challock Leas. It is a BBQ and Family Fun and Games. We are running it in conjunction with Challock Methodist Church. The costs of a ticket are £5 a head which includes and burger/ hot dog and a drink.**

**On arrival there will be an entrance table where you can pay and you will receive two raffle tickets, one for food and one for drink. If you want extra food and drink, you will be able to purchase more on the day also. Come along and have a fun afternoon.**

**Enjoy your summer and enjoy time with loved ones.**

**Every blessing**

**Rev Sue Martin**

**01227 531758**

# AUGUST READINGS

**2nd                    9th Sunday after Trinity                    GREEN**

*Genesis 32.33-31; Romans 9.1-5; Psalm 17.1-7,16;  
Matthew 14.13-21*

**9th                    10th Sunday after Trinity**

**GREEN**

*Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 ; Romans 10.5-15 ; Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45 ; Matthew 14.22-33.*

**16th                    11th Sunday after Trinity**

**GREEN**

*Genesis 45.1-15 ; Romans 11.1-2,29-32 ; Psalm 133 ;  
Matthew 15.10-28 .*

**23rd                    12th Sunday after Trinity**

**GREEN**

*Exodus 1.8-2.10 ; Romans 12.1-8 ; Psalm 124; Matthew 16.13-20.*

**30th                    13th Sunday after Trinity**

**GREEN**

*Exodus 3.1-15 ; Romans 12.9-21 ; Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45 ; Matthew 16.21-28.*

## **AUGUST COLLECTS**

SUNDAY 2nd August

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your  
grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the  
Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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 9th August

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble  
servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall  
please you;  
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 16th August

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of  
your grace,  
that we, running the way of your  
commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly  
treasure;  
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 23rd August

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than  
we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or  
deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we  
are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 30th August

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of  
your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the  
cross,  
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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