

The King's Wood Benefice

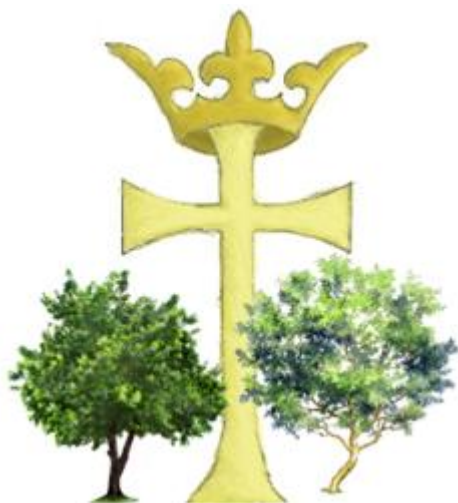
St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock

St. Peter's Molash

St. Mary's Chilham

St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale



DIARY
SEPTEMBER 2026

SEPTEMBER SERVICES DIARY

Sunday 6th

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 13th

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Peter's Molash

10am @ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

11am Morning Worship @ St. Mary's Chilham

Sunday 20th

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 27th

**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**

3.30pm to 5pm

**All Together Service @ St. Mary's
Chilham**

**NEW SERVICE FOR ALL AGES
PLEASE DO COME ALONG!**

SEPTEMBER CHURCH MEETINGS

**Wednesday 2nd September 7pm
Godmersham PCC @ The Vicarage**

**Tuesday 8th September 2pm @ The Vicarage,
Benefice Welcome Pack Team Meeting**

**Wednesday 9th September 10.30am @ Fay's
Safeguarding Team Meeting**

**Thursday 10th September 7.30pm
Housegroup @ The Vicarage**

**Friday 11th September 10am @ The Vicarage
Christmas Tree Festival Meeting**

**Tuesday 15th September
10am JAG Meeting
@ The Heritage Centre**

**Tuesday 15th September 6pm
@ St. Mary's Chilham
Music Rehearsal for All Together Service**

**Tuesday 15th September
7.30pm @ The Vicarage
Chilham PCC**

**Wednesday 16th September
2pm @ The Vicarage
Church Wardens Meeting**

**Tuesday 22nd September
7pm @ Clare's
Challock & Molash PCC**

**Thursday 24th September 7.30pm
House Group @ The Vicarage**

**Tuesday 29th September
7pm
All Together Service Team Meeting
@ The Vicarage**

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Saturday 12th September
8.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
The Vicarage**

**Saturday 12th September
12 Noon to 5pm
Challock Summer Fair**

**Friday 25th September
2 to 4pm
OWLS Tea
Old Wives Lee Village Hall**

**Saturday 26th September
An Evening of Classical Music @
Crundale Church
7.30pm**

**Sunday 27th September
3.30pm to 5pm
ALL TOGETHER NOW
New All Age Service, Worship, Craft & Food**

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 Musique 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.

All proceeds in aid of Crundale Church.

Richard Goodenough



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

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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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER



**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**

All Together

A FAMILY EVENT FOR THE
KINGSWOOD BENEFICE

Crafts, Songs followed by tea



SUNDAY

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026



3:30PM – 5:00PM



**AT
ST MARY'S CHURCH,
CHILHAM**

For inquiries, please contact:

Rev Sue Martin



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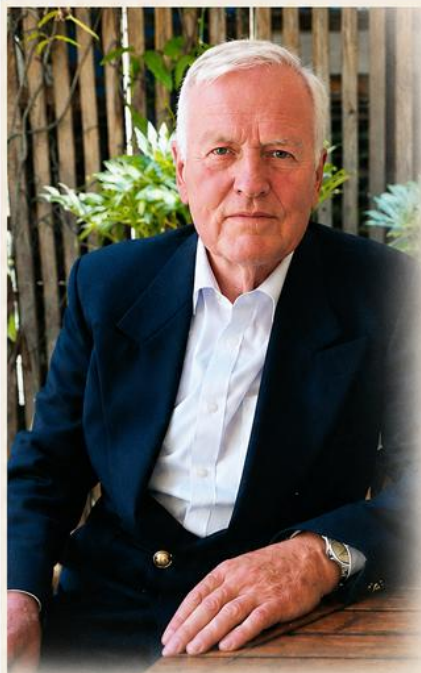


Please note: No unaccompanied children.
All children must attend with a parent or responsible adult.



All ages. All welcome. All together.





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**BOB
STEWART**

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A talk by
Colonel Bob Stewart
on
**Peacekeeping
in Bosnia.**



Saturday 7th November 2026



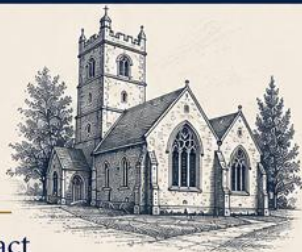
**Godmersham Church
CT4 7DS**

7pm



Tickets £10

to include
tea/ coffee / soft drinks –
cake and biscuits.



For tickets, please contact
info@kingswoodbenefice.co.uk

All proceeds in aid of our Church Funds.



Challock SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

12PM - 5PM

FREE ENTRY

**CHALLOCK CRICKET GROUND & VILLAGE HALL,
BLIND LANE, CHALLOCK, TN25 4AU**

- Live Performances •
- Fun Dog Show •
- Fancy Dress Competition •
- Fairground Rides •
- Fun Stalls •
- Arts & Craft Stalls •
- Bar & Food Village •
- Creepy Claws •
- Classic Cars •
- Free Parking •



More details:



Free balloon
modelling and
magician
sponsored by





**Harvest Festival Services
In
The King's Wood Benefice**

**St. Lawrence the Martyr – Godmersham
Sunday 27th September
11am Followed by Shared Lunch**

**Old Wives Lees Community Service
Sunday 27th September
11am Old Wives Lees Village Hall**

**St. Cosmas & Dt. Damian Challock
Sunday 4th October
9.30am**

St. Mary's Chilham
Sunday 4th October
11am followed by Harvest Lunch

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin – Crundale
Sunday 4th October
4pm
Followed by Harvest Supper in The Barn

St. Peter's Molash
Sunday 11th October
9.30am

From The Rector



Hello Friends

What a summer we have all had. The weather has been so hot, and all the farmers are telling me it is the earliest they have started and in, some cases finished Harvest.

For children and students, it means now is the time for new classes, new schools and for the older children and young adults off to university or college.

In the church September is seen as the Creation Season where we think about all good things around and thank God. I love to look at the autumn leaves the beautiful colours they display and how wonderful God is to have created all these colours and different kinds of trees.

We become aware that the nights are closing in and the air is cooler, but having said that the weather forecast reckons we will get a September heatwave, we will see!

A time for season change, a time for us to think about what that means for each of us and remember in all seasons God is with us.

Blessings

Rev Sue Martin

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SEPTEMBER READINGS

6th **14th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Exodus 12.1-14; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-end.

13th **15th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Exodus 14.19-end; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35.

20th **16th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Exodus 16.2-15; Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16.

27th **17th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Exodus 17.1-7; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32.

HARVEST READINGS

*Deuteronomy 28.1-14; Psalm 65; 2. Corinthians 9.6-end;
Luke 17.11-19.*

SEPTEMBER COLLECTS

Sunday 6th September

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were
made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all
creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 13th September

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in
service;
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 20th September

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what
things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil
them;
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 27th September

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in
you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you 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.

HARVEST COLLECT

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-
being;
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; 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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