

The King's Wood Benefice

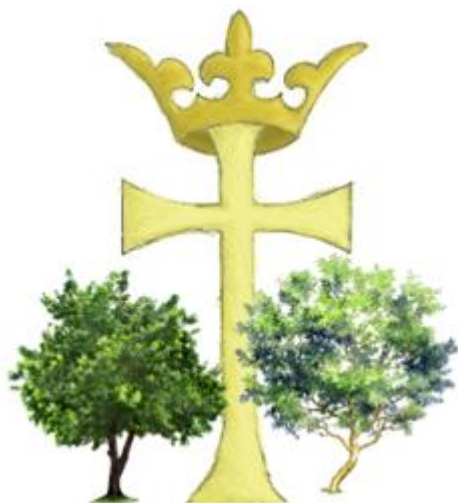
St. Cosmas & St. Damian Challock

St. Peter's Molash

St. Mary's Chilham

St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale



DIARY
OCTOBER 2026

October Services

Sunday 4th

9.30am Holy Communion @ St. Cosmas & St.
Damian Challock

11am Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's Chilham,
followed by shared lunch.

4pm Harvest Festival @ St. Mary The Blessed
Virgin Crundale, followed by Harvest Supper in
The Barn.

Sunday 11th

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

10.30am Harvest Festival Service for Challock at
Challock Methodist Church

10am Parish Praise @ St. Lawrence the Martyr
Godmersham

11am Morning Worship @ St. Mary's Chilham

Sunday 18th

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

2pm Memorial & Burial of Ashes @ Crundale

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

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

Sunday 25th

9.30am Morning Worship @ St. Peter's Molash
10am Holy Communion @ St. Lawrence the Martyr
Godmersham

11am Harvest Festival @ The Village Hall Old
Wives Lees, followed by lunch.

3.30pm All Together Service at St. Lawrence the
Martyr Godmersham

Saturday 31st

Renewal of Vows
2pm St. Mary's Chilham

OCTOBER CHURCH MEETINGS

Wednesday 7th October 7.30pm
Friends of Challock Church @ Challock

Thursday 8th October 7.30pm
Housegroup @ The Vicarage

Friday 9th October 2pm @ The Vicarage
Christmas Tree Festival Meeting

Tuesday 13th October 7pm
Crundale PCC @ Roz's

Wednesday 14th October 2pm
Benefice Welcome Pack Meeting @
The Vicarage

Wednesday 14th October 7pm
Benefice group Meeting
@ The Vicarage

Thursday 15th October
2.30pm @ Chilham Church
Chilham School Harvest Service

Thursday 15th October
7pm @ St. Mary's Chilham
DEANERY SYNOD

Friday 23rd October
2 to 4pm

Old Wives Leas Tea
@ Village Hall

Friday 30th October
5pm @ St. Mary's Chilham

Renewal of Vows Rehearsal

OCTOBER EVENTS

Saturday 10th October

8.30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Vicarage

Friday 16th October

7pm

QUIZ NIGHT

@ Challock Village Hall

Friday 23rd October

2 to 4pm

OWLS Tea

Old Wives Lee Village Hall

Sunday 25th October

3.30pm to 5pm

ALL TOGETHER NOW

New All Age Service, Worship, Craft & Food

@ St. Lawrence the Martyr Godmersham

Sunday 1st November

3pm

Service For Loved Ones Remembered

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin Crundale

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

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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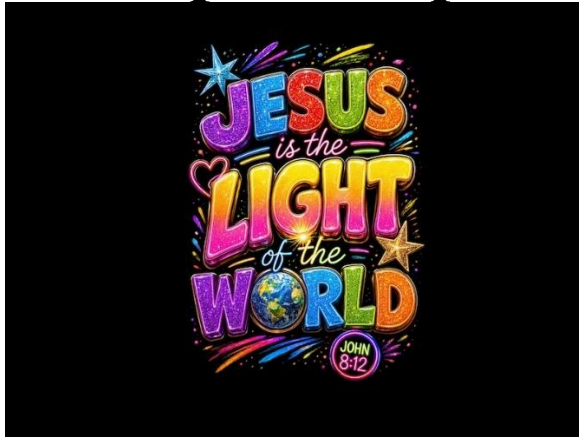
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER



**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
NOW
Sunday 25th October
3.30pm to 5pm**



**Service for all ages to come together and
worship.**

**Singing, Prayer, Craft
And eat together.**

**ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR
GODMERSHAM**

**The Friends of Challock Church
Present....**

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 16th October 2026

**7.30pm - Challock Village Hall,
Blind Lane, Challock**

£6 per person - Cash or Card on the night

Bring your own drinks and nibbles as usual

Raffle during the interval - Donations Welcome

**To book your tables (maximum of 8 per team) please phone or email
John on 07904950704 ...j.burden2@sky.com or Geraldine on
07772100790... geraldinehennessy52@yahoo.co.uk**

Colonel Bob Stewart – Talk

Saturday 7th November at 7.00pm
Godmersham Church

PEACEKEEPING IN BOSNIA

An evening talk with Colonel Bob Stewart
sharing his experiences of peacekeeping
in Bosnia.



Tickets: £10 per person

Payment by BACS:

Godmersham PCC

Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 30-90-28

Account Number: 00190862

Please use your **surname** and
"Bob Stewart Talk" as the payment reference.



An email confirmation
will be issued upon
receipt of payment.



Please bring your
email confirmation
with you and show
it on the night.

Thank you.



Please email, info@kingswoodbenefice.co.uk to confirm tickets
purchased – Limited amount of tickets available on the night.



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

**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. Cosmas & Dt. Damian Challock
Sunday 11th October
With the Methodist @ the Methodist Church
10.30am**

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

**Sunday 25th October
OWLS
11am Harvest Service
@ The Village Hall**

**The King's Wood Benefice
Memorial Service
For
LOVED ONES
NO LONGER WITH US**



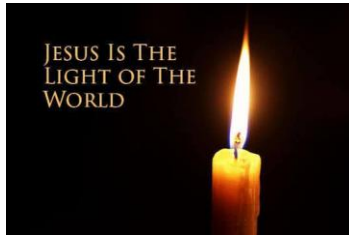
Sunday 1ST November 2026

3pm

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Crundale**

**If you would like a loved ones name read out
please sign their name on the list at the back
of church and indicate if you will be at the
service.**

From The Rector



Hello Friends

October is the month when I recall so magnificently that Jesus is the Light of the World. We celebrate All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day where we remember our loved ones no longer with us and of course children today like to celebrate Halloween. On 31st October for the Halloween Trail I will have a pumpkin outside lit up but with the cross as a symbol representing Jesus as Light of the World and yes, I will have sweets as well. Light is better than darkness and that is why Christians do not celebrate Halloween but remember that Jesus came to show the way. There is a very famous painting by William Holman Hunt showing Jesus standing at a door with a lantern. This painting is portraying John 8: 12 "I am the Light of the World, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

Let us shine as a light to others, so they may come to know Jesus too.

Blessings

Rev Sue Martin

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OCTOBER READINGS

4th 18th Sunday after Trinity GREEN *Exodus*
20.1-4,7-9,12-20; Philippians 3.4-14;
Matthew 21.33 end.

11th 19th Sunday after Trinity GREEN
Exodus 32.1-14; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14.

18th 20th Sunday after Trinity GREEN
Exodus 33.12-end; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew
22.15-22.

25th Last Sunday after Trinity GREEN
Deuteronomy 34.1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew
22.34-end.

HARVEST READINGS

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

OCTOBER COLLECTS

Sunday 4th October

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this
house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may
find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to 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 11th October

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Sunday 18th October

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday 25th October

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

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.

HARVEST READINGS

Deuteronomy 28.1-14

If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock- the

calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity - in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground- in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you. The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always

be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to

God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 17.11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

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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