

# Grapevine

**The Parish Magazine of St. Nicholas  
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## September 2018



**Our New Church Wall Panels**

**An Evening of Music**

Jon Cunningham & Steve Shorey

Saturday 29th September 7.30pm

Free Admission - Retiring Collection For Church Funds

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## ***Sunday Services***

- 8.00 am Holy Communion – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
9.30 am OASIS All-age worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
10.00 am Morning Worship - 1st Sunday  
10.00 am OASIS Joint Communion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
10.00 am Joint Service - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at  
St Nicholas or St Andrew's  
11.00 am Holy Communion - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
5.00 pm OASIS in the Afternoon - 1st Sunday  
6.00 pm JAHFA for senior school pupils - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

***Mondays*** 8.30 am Morning Prayer

***Wednesdays*** 8.30 am Morning Prayer  
10.00 am Holy Communion  
7.30 pm Evening Prayer

***Thursdays*** 9.00 am Prayer Space

## ***St. Nicholas Explorers***

After school club for 7-11s – **term time only**

Allington Primary School – Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30 pm

Palace Wood Primary School – Tuesday 3.20 - 4.30 pm

## ***Saturday Club / Messy Church***

Normally held on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month  
and advertised in **Grapevine**.

## ***Home Groups***

Group 1 - meets on alternate Monday mornings at  
23 Buckland Lane. Contact tel: 752181 Rachel Norman

Group 2 – meets on alternate Thursday evenings at various venues  
around the parish. Contact tel: 764913 Mary Garrett

Group 3 - meets on Thursday afternoons 2.00pm - 3.00pm  
Contact Angela on 758641

## ***Pastoral Group***

This is available to bring Home Communion, or just pay a visit to anyone  
who needs it. Please phone Mary Garrett on 01622 764913

## Rev Barry Writes.....



The summer has passed all too quickly for my liking. I know not everyone will agree, particularly those juggling childcare and covering for those on holiday at work. I like the quieter rush-hour, sharing stories of people's travels, and of course, the better weather.

We are all settling into a new season. A new academic term with all the change and challenges that brings, and increased workloads for many as we see the workplace come to the end of another holiday period. The autumn is coming and the days are growing shorter. People are either talking of their plans for Christmas or complaining that Christmas comes earlier every year. We so often sound surprised, yet it is the same every year.

There is a yearly cycle of change, each met with joy or despair depending on how each of us is affected. Yet, there is something common to all of us, and that is hope. If we are enthusiastic about a new season, we have hope of the joy and benefit we wish for. If we are pessimistic, we have the hope in the knowledge that another change will follow. Life is all about seasons and change, whether yearly or randomly, and it always has been.

During the weeks of the summer at St Nicholas, we have been running a series of informal talks focussing on the Old Testament. This has not been an in-depth analysis of meaning, but an overview of each book to ascertain the overall meaning and purpose of particular texts. We have learnt much; particularly, we were surprised by the number of people who attended as we had not appreciated the high level of interest. This is an example of hope in itself, much preparation goes into such a project and there is the hope that someone will come. We were then met with the joy that so many attended. There is no greater joy for a preacher than having people appreciate that which they feel God is asking them to share.

As we looked at the wealth of knowledge and wisdom within the Old Testament, there plain to see is this pattern of seasons. Often spanning many years, with battles of optimism and pessimism. Times when things turn from good to bad and bad to good, of impatience and a distrust of leaders and of God. But, always a voice of hope, something to cling to that makes continuing worthwhile. A hope based on good and the ways of God that overcome the greedy and the oppressive. That hope is still as obvious today if we look closely enough.

**Rev Barry**

## JAHFA Visit to the Bruderhof Community



On 7th August, St. Nicholas Church Youth Group visited the Bruderhof community in Nonington. Originating in Germany, the Bruderhof Community try to live their lives like the first disciples as described in the Acts of the Apostles. This means they share everything, money and possessions, living as a group of families, chil-

dren and older people who are self-dependent. However, they still believe that everyone should have an experience of the "outside world" and so people are required to move regularly globally, they accept regular visitors and they often trade or go on days out in the local community.

When we arrived, we were greeted with open arms (and cookies!) It was then they explained to us a little bit about their way of life which equally amazed and baffled us. It was hard to understand the fact they share absolutely everything and have no pos-



sessions of their own which is an alien concept to us. The community are as self sufficient as they can be so we next visited their huge vegetable patch where they generously offered us as many huge vegetables as we could carry! We then had an amazing ride in a carriage pulled by two of their beautiful horses. This was an incredible opportunity to see around their land which was teeming with wildlife.

Thereon we looked round the various animals they owned, some were pets and some were for sale including pigs, ferrets, horses, donkeys, dogs, rabbits and bees. Followed by a delicious barbeque lunch of homemade burgers and german sausages plus a tour of their extensive

grounds and their schools. We had the opportunity to ask as many questions as possible and observe the day to day life that is a reality for people in these communities globally. That ended our time at the Bruderhof, more information is available on their website <https://www.bruderhof.com/en>.

However that didn't conclude our day... We travelled back to Maidstone to go bowling! (Fiona was very proud to say that she won.)



### **Note from the Editor**

I have included some text from the Bruderhof Community website to further understand their origins and faith.

#### ***The Basis of our Faith***

*Our life together is founded on Jesus, the Christ and son of God. We recognize the Bible's authority over all aspects of our belief and life, and we affirm the rule of faith stated in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. We are particularly influenced and inspired by the New Testament's Acts 2 and 4 and the Sermon on the Mount, which direct us to embrace communal living and lifelong service to others. We desire to remain true to this calling all our lives.*

*Founded in 1920 in Germany, the Bruderhof ("place of brothers" in German) has its roots in the Anabaptist tradition of Europe's Radical Reformation. We practice adult baptism. We are also pacifists and conscientious objectors. While we love our countries and countrymen, our faith transcends political and nationalistic affiliations.*

*Other religious movements stemming from the Anabaptist tradition include the Mennonites and Amish. We, however, are most similar to and inspired by the sixteenth-century Hutterites, who shared a community of goods and sought to live in brotherly and sisterly love.*

*The Bruderhof does not want a religion that seeks the future of humanity only beyond this earthly life, thus satisfying people with mere spirituality. Humanity needs help here and now. By following Jesus' practical commands, we feel we are doing what we can to advance God's kingdom here on earth.*

#### **Some of Our Guiding Biblical Texts:**

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and*

*goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.*

*Acts 2:42-45*

*Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.*

*Acts 4:32-35*

**Extract from [www.brudershof.com/en](http://www.brudershof.com/en)**

Just as a post-script to our wonderful and thought-provoking JAHFA day out – 5 of our original 8 members that started JAHFA in 2012, will be leaving us in September to go on to the next exciting chapter of their lives at university.

Rose, Lucy, Niamh, Emily and Sarah we have been privileged to be part of your growing up and are really proud of the wonderful, strong women that you have become. We wish you all the best as you start your next adventures in life and pray that God will bless you and go with you.

**Fiona Higgs**

### **September Prayer**

**Dear Father,**

September again! How quickly the months roll by. How quickly our lives move forward. Help us this September to welcome the new starts in our every-day lives – the new school year, the new clubs and activities for all ages that start up again this month. There are so many opportunities, so much to keep us busy. Help us Lord, this September to commit each new day and each new activity to you, aware that every day is a gift from you. Help us to choose wisely how we spend the time you give us and to reflect your love and generosity and kindness to those we meet each day.

**In Jesus name, Amen**

**Volunteers to deliver Grapevine needed!  
Contact Marianna on 01622 751243**

## WHO ARE THEY?

### Where did all the Christian denominations come from?

Have you ever wondered about the beginnings of the Eastern Orthodox Churches? the Roman Catholic Church? the Church of England? the Baptists? the Presbyterians? the Pentecostals? Where did all these denominations come from and why did they start in the first place? Why don't we have one Christian Church around the world to which all Christians belong? Don't all Christians believe, more or less, the same doctrines? Don't all these doctrines come from one Book – the Bible? And, in particular, don't all Christians worship the same God? If so, why are there so many denominations? so many divisions? so many different names for Christian churches? This series will try and answer these questions, so look out for your denomination and where it came from!

We begin with: **Eastern Orthodox Churches.**

In this brief summary the Eastern Orthodox Churches will be referred to as Orthodoxy. This does not mean orthodoxy as opposed to heresy; rather it is a convenient name for these Churches that originated in the East in the earliest days of Christendom.



Orthodoxy can rightly claim to be the oldest part of the Christian Church. As early as Acts 13 we have the record of how the Christian Church in Antioch, in Syria, sent out the first Christian missionaries, Barnabas and Saul (later Paul). Already the centre of gravity in the Church was moving from Jerusalem, where it began at Pentecost, and out into the Gentile world. Over the next few centuries great Christian centres grew up in Antioch, in Caesarea, in Alexandria in Egypt, and in Constantinople in Asia Minor (now Turkey). Some of these churches were established before there was a Christian Church in Rome, and this fact is very important for the subsequent history of Christianity.

At the beginning of the fourth century, the Roman Empire divided into an Eastern Empire and a Western Empire. In this way the Churches in the Empire were known as Eastern or Western, depending on their geographical location. So Constantinople was very clearly an Eastern Church while the Church in Rome was clearly a Western Church. Even when the Empire was later united under the rule of the first Christian Emperor, Constantine (276? – 337), the East/West division of the Church continued.

The fourth and fifth centuries witnessed the Church's great theological battles on Christology and Trinitarian doctrines. At Church Councils held at Ephesus in 431 AD and at Chalcedon in 451 AD, it was apparent that a rift was developing between the Eastern and Western Churches. Part of the reason for this was rivalry and Bishops in Alexandria, Constantinople and Rome were jealous of their authority and the extent of their jurisdiction. As Constantinople became the most important Christian centre in the East, its bishop was designated 'Patriarch,' just as the bishop of Rome was being called 'Pope.'

In 1054 came what has been called the Great Schism. The Patriarch of Constantinople repudiated the claims of the Pope in Rome, and the Pope in turn, repudiated the Patriarch. While there were various theological, political and cultural differences that finally led to this rift, there were three main doctrinal reasons for the split. First, the Eastern Church totally refused the Pope's claim to have absolute authority in the whole Christian Church. Second, while



the Eastern Church confessed, 'I believe ... in the Holy Spirit ...who proceeds from the Father...' the Western Church added a phrase and confessed, 'I believe ...in the Holy Spirit ... who proceeds from the Father and the Son...' This added

phrase was the cause of fierce theological dispute. Third, while the Eastern Church allowed its clergy to marry, gradually the Western Church imposed celibacy on its priests.

Today the Orthodox Churches are found mainly in Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia, Belarus, Georgia, Macedonia, Serbia, Moldova and Cyprus. The total number of Orthodox Christians in the world is about 220 million, making them the second largest part of Christendom. Orthodox Churches are strongly committed to the fundamental doctrines of classic Christianity, including the Trinity, the full deity and humanity of Christ and especially his resurrection. Orthodox worship is very liturgical and almost the entire service is chanted, part of it being a sung response between the priests and the congregation. Adults wishing to join an Orthodox Church must be baptised by being immersed three times in the name of the Holy Trinity. Baptism is considered a 'mystery' in which the old life with its sins is buried and a new life is given. The children of Orthodox families are normally baptised soon after birth. While Orthodox Churches seldom have the kind of statues that

are common in Roman Catholic churches, they have instead many icons. Icons are paintings depicting Christ or saints but Orthodox Christians protest that they don't 'worship' these icons; rather they use them as visible aids to devotion.

Incense is widely used in Orthodox worship. This practice is said to be a continuation of the kind of worship that was offered to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. The ingredients, mostly frankincense and resins, are burned in a golden censer, and usually this censer hangs at the end of three chains representing the Trinity. The incense is meant to portray the prayers and worship that are rising up to God.

The bitterness and rivalry that followed the Great Schism in 1054 lasted for 900 years. At Vatican II in 1964 there were attempts to 'mend fences' between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches. Currently Pope Benedict XV1 is making efforts to further fellowship between the two communions.

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September**

**2018**

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# FANCY TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

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Then come and spend an evening with

## Kettle Bridge Clogs

on

Tuesday 25th September 2018

at

St Nicholas Church Hall

From 8.00pm - 10.00pm



**Dancers: Female** - Full tuition will be given, no experience necessary. Just wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear like trainers.

**Musicians: Male or Female** - Come and play along with the band. Music notation will be available on the evening. Brass is welcome too.

Everyone will get a very warm welcome and all are guaranteed an enjoyable evening. Take a look at [www.kettlebridgeclogs.org.uk](http://www.kettlebridgeclogs.org.uk). Please feel free to call Val on 07876 194375 for more information.

**Give it a try, you may find you actually enjoy yourself !**

**Please Note:**

*The team normally meets most Tuesday evenings (check with our web site) at 8.00pm, in St Nicholas Church Hall, Poplar Grove, Allington. ME16 0DE.*

# Books of the Old Testament Part 1

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**GENESIS**

**NUMBERS**

**RUTH**

**CHRONICLES**

**ESTHER**

**EXODUS**

**DEUTERONOMY**

**SAMUEL**

**EZRA**

**JOB**

**LEVITICUS**

**JUDGES**

**KINGS**

**NEHEMIAH**

## Our New Church Wall Pannels

On Sunday the 12th August Sarah and I set off to Much Wenlock, in Shropshire, to meet with the proprietor of Croft Designs (featured in the BBC programme 'A Vicar's Life'). It was 'Croft' who made our new altar frontals that were paid for from a bequest by the late Dorothy Skinner. As there were still funds available, from that bequest, it was decided that we would employ Croft Designs to manufacture some wall panels to be mounted behind the altar.

On Monday 13th August Sarah and I returned from Much Wenlock with said panels in our car (people carrier - each panel is eight feet long!!) and by the time you read this article they will be mounted in the church as planned.

There are three panels that individually portray The Father (Alpha & Omega symbols), The Son (The Cross) and The Holy Spirit (Dove & Fire) but as a complete set display The Trinity - God as three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Helping to draw the whole thing together is a grapevine laden with fruit - Jesus said "I am the true vine" (John 15:1).

The picture accompanying this doesn't do justice as to how stunning these panels are and I would highly recommend you to visit the church and see them for yourself. I truly believe that these beautiful pieces of work give a very real sense of the glory of God at work in our church and our community.

**Rev Chris**





Cooking

Worship

Crafts

Games

# MESSY CHURCH Sports

**Saturday 22nd September**

From 11.00am - 1.30pm

In the Church and Church Gardens

(Halls if wet!)

Poplar Grove ME16 0DE

Join us for a BBQ!

**ALL WELCOME!**

£3.00 per person or £10 per family

to include lunch

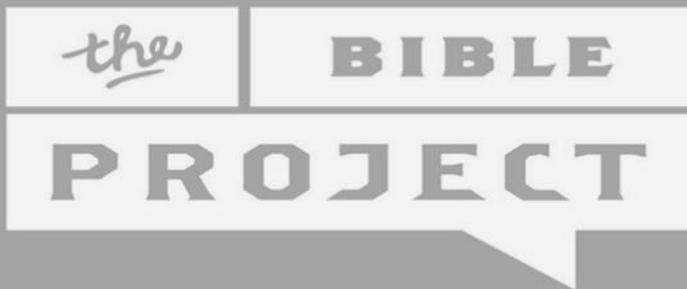
More details or to book

Contact Fiona on 07951 777854

Latest booking date - Wednesday 19th September



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Following on from the success of our summer series on the Old Testament we will continue to offer the opportunity to engage with our study series using this video based resource 'The Bible Project'.

There will be evening and daytime groups available, in St Nicholas' Church, during the autumn/winter.

The daytime meetings will be on Friday's, at 10am, as follows;

**28th SEPTEMBER**

**19th OCTOBER**

**23rd NOVEMBER**

The evening meetings will be on Tuesday's, at 7.30pm, as follows

**2nd OCTOBER**

**16th OCTOBER**

**30th OCTOBER**

**13th NOVEMBER**

**27th NOVEMBER**

All are welcome to attend - there will be refreshments provided as well as creche facilities on the Friday mornings.

**Rev Chris**

An Evening of Music  
with  
Jon Cunningham  
&  
Steve Shorey  
Modern Folk Original Songs  
Saturday 29th September  
7.00pm for 7.30pm

St Nicholas Church  
Poplar Grove  
Maidstone ME16 0DE

Free Admission -  
Retiring Collection for Church Funds  
Wine & Soft Drinks available!



**Charity of the Month  
Compassion UK—Christmas Appeal**



## Share some love this Christmas

Every year, Compassion's church partners put on a Christmas celebration that is the party of the year! Children receive a present, such as clothing, toys or shoes, enjoy a delicious feast and hear a message of Christ's love from caring members of their community.

When you give a gift through Compassion's Christmas Appeal, you're helping to ensure that every child in the Compassion programme receives a tangible expression of God's love at Christmas time.



	<p><b>COFFEE AFTERNOON FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER St. Andrew's Church Hall At 2.00pm</b></p>
<p><b>Donations of cakes either homemade or bought will be very welcome!</b></p> 	

# Youth & Organisations News

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Summer Raffle plus the extra donations. We raised £80 for the Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Appeal which will go towards helping communities throughout the world.

Our Wednesday morning Communion Service is on **4 September** at 10.00am.

The MU Committee Meeting is also on **4 September** at 70 Poplar Grove at 7.30pm.

This year the Mothers' Union Annual Meeting will be held in Swansea on Monday **17** and Tuesday **18 September**. Some of our members are attending.

On Thursday **20 September**, at 2.30pm in church, we will hear a talk by Nigel Downes on the Maidstone Street Pastors. All are welcome to attend. Cathedral Prayer Time is on Thursday **27 September** at 12.00 noon in the crypt.

**Mary Gentry (678312)**  
**Branch Leader**  
**Follow Mothers' Union on Facebook**



## ALLINGTON CASTLE

We have some very interesting speakers booked for

the autumn period. In September Sheila Farmer will give a talk on 'Working in wardrobe' and in October our talk is 'A history of puddings' which sounds yummy!

We always look forward to our monthly meetings and you are always very welcome to come as our guest and see for yourself if it's something you would like.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 for 7.30 in the small hall at St Nicks.

**Pat Gibbons**

## ALLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

As there was not an August edition of Grapevine here is a brief update of what the club has done. We have had two coach outings, the first to Parham House, Gardens and Plant Fair where there were 52 stands selling plants and accessories with speakers throughout the day. It was a very hot day but excellent.

The second was to Kew Gardens another good day with the restored Temperate House and Pagoda plus the new long herbaceous borders and much more. We had Tim Ingram give us a talk on Alpines. Recently we had our competition evening. The entries were down on last year but that may have been due to the hot weather and plants fading sooner.

On Sept 6th our talk will be on



'Orchids' with Christine Bartlet who is also willing to answer any questions we may have.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

**Pam Blake**

### **TREFOIL GUILD**

A busy couple of months! 3rd July we visited Herne Bay in the wind and rain. We enjoyed a treasure trail quiz which was completed with the help of a few local people. Finished the day in a cosy fish and chip shop to enjoy a meal and a chat.

14th July was the final leg of the Capital Ring 75 mile walk, which one of our members attended. It was a very hot day and the walk was completed.



17th July we visited Downton Lavender Farm where we had a very interesting talk and tour. We also held a twinning ceremony with Robertsbridge Trefoil Guild. A wonderful cake was made by Barbara from Robertsbridge, again enjoyed by all.

21st July, eight of our members attended the 75th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service at Southwark Cathedral. A lovely day!

August found us at a members house having drinks and cakes. After all the wonderful weather we had been having, a storm decided to arrive just as we got seated in the garden!. Still it didn't spoil the fun.

**Daphne Butler**  
**01622 676836**

### **WESTBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB**



At the time of writing this piece, we are still "enjoying" the heatwave that seems to have lasted all summer. This has made for some excellent bowling weather and nearly all the members of **Westborough Bowls Club** are sporting healthy tans having spent many hours playing their favourite game in the beautiful sunshine.

However all this warm and dry weather together with wear and tear on the green makes the job of keeping our playing surface in good condition all the more challenging. Thankfully we have a dedicated band of members who do an excellent job of maintaining the green and grounds. We are also looking forward to the imminent arrival of a new roller courtesy of a grant from **Kent County Council**. Many thanks are due to **Dan Daley** and **Rob Bird** for supporting the club's application for funds. Just to clarify, the "new roller" is not a luxury car but a piece of equipment to flatten the green!

Following our successful recruitment drive, we have an enthusiastic group of beginners who are coming along very nicely. They have discovered that the game of bowls is perhaps not as easy as it looks but they are all persevering and thoroughly enjoying the challenge. It is really great to see the improvement of the novices, week on week, and several of them

have already represented Westborough in friendly matches against other clubs.

Westborough is doing well in the **Maidstone & District Friday Night Triples** league where we are currently in second place in Division 4 with just a couple of matches to go. We are hoping to reverse last year's relegation and so get back into Division 3. Also, the internal club tournaments are in full swing, pitting member against member in a number of knockout competitions.

Although the green will close at the end of September, it is still not too late for **you** to have a go at the game of bowls. My contact details are given below or just turn up to one of our roll-ups at **3pm on a Monday or 5pm on a Thursday**. Remember that there is no membership fee in your first year.

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Although a small turn out our breakfast went well with 7 chatty men all putting the worlds to right, as the ladies would say, " It's amazing what grown men find to talk about " , Well it seems we don't have a problem with that, it could be about Brexit, the state of our roads in and around Maidstone about Mike's flight in a Tiger Moth or Malcolm's forthcoming



flight in a Spitfire, I'm hoping both will give a presentation about their experiences.

Please note, there will be no breakfast in August due to holiday's etc. but we will be back in full swing with a BBQ at Teston Country Park on Saturday .22nd September, subject to weather of course, note the date is a week before our usual meeting, I will post a reminder nearer the time.

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## ALLINGTON GUIDING



Whilst our Leaders were having a well earned Summer break, Girlguiding HQ were launching a new exciting programme for all sections to use from September

The launch sees new badges and challenges for the girls to participate in. Our units have already used some of the new skills in taster packs that were received last year, including hammering nails into fruit and vegetables and learning about the history of Guiding!

We are always looking to recruit new members, if you have some time to spare and would like to volunteer in Rainbows, Brownies or Guides then our District Commissioner Paula (details below) would love to hear from you.

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**Paula Savage**  
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## ST NICHOLAS FELLOWSHIP

For our July meeting we enjoyed a garden party at the home of Felicity and Andrew Rogers in Harrietsham.

We were blessed with a fine warm day and enjoyed our afternoon tea (with plenty to eat, and wine of course) in their lovely garden.

Members will recall our visit earlier this year to the premises near Yalding of the Kenward Trust. So at our next meeting on 14th. September we are hoping to have a visit from one of the Trust's representatives to tell us about the work they do. The meeting will be in the main Hall and will start at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome

**Mike Garrett**

## OPEN CIRCLE

I hope everyone has had a good summer with some time to relax with a book on holiday or at home.

Open Circle didn't meet in August so it was a chance to read some additional books during the month.



*Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn is a creepy, psychological thriller set in a small community – not for the faint-hearted! By contrast, I enjoyed *Miss You* by Kate Eberlen which is a well-written, engaging and romantic story, just right for the summer holidays, and a political thriller, *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci. I'm part of the way through *He Said, She Said* by Erin Kelly, another dark, psychological thriller which I'm enjoying very much. I have another David Baldacci on my shelves, *The Forgotten*, which a friend recommended to me, and I've just started re-reading all of Jane Austen's novels!

I need to hurry up as the book for September's Open Circle is lying in wait. It's the second 'Seeker' novel by SG MacLean set in the time of Oliver Cromwell entitled *The Black Friar* which looks rather good. It's a pity that this novel has come hard on the heels of the first MacLean novel we read a couple of months ago, but Allington Library offers us the first set which comes in so we have to take what's given to us. Since Allington Library does a super job of ordering and collating the books, we can't really complain.

Our meetings this month will be on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> for discussion of the book, and on 26<sup>th</sup> for coffee and chat. All are welcome to join us.

Ring Margaret Salvage 762985, or Anne Sargent 764063 for details of venues. **Dianne White**  
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Entry forms to register your tree are required by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, though you may give the title later. If you have any queries or require an entry form please do not hesitate to contact us



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September w/e				
2	A Waddams J Sargent		E Harrington D & M Derry	
9		A Redford C McInnes		R Froude J Harlock
16	D & B Davison		M Salvage D Salvage C Colyer	
23		I Redford S Lavender D Hayles		M Gentry G Garrett

### Sanctuary Cleaning

September w/e	
2	M Gentry
9	
16	R Froude
23	
30	A Hiam

### Flowers

September w/e	
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9	D Davison
16	D Davison/K Hunter
23	S Tipping
30	A Wylie

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Zumba	9.15am - 10.30am	07999 444045
ALLARA Tai Chi	11.30am - 12.30pm	01622 756475
ALLARA Painting	2.00pm - 4.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 662707
ALLARA Kurling	2.00pm - 5.00pm <i>2nd &amp; 4th</i>	01622 686305
Flair School of Dance	4.00pm - 6.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
J R Fitness Classes	8.15pm - 9.15pm	07746 082182
2nd Allington Rainbows	4.30pm - 5.30pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	01622 685264
Weight Watchers	6.15pm - 8.15pm	07888 740221
4th Allington Brownies	6.00pm - 7.30pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	01622 686527
1st Allington Guides	7.15pm - 8.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 672985
Allington Castle Beavers	6.00pm - 7.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07846 600953

***Tuesdays:-***

Slimming World	9.45am - 11.45am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 700688
Parent & Toddler Group	9.30am - 11.30am	07527 743438
1st Allington Brownies	5.45pm - 7.30pm	01622 685007
Kettlebridge Clog Dancing	8.00pm - 10.30pm	01622 727147
Allington Scouts	7.30pm - 9.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07846 600953
ALLARA	1.00pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	01622 756475
Simply Pilates	6.00pm - 7.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07845 442885

***Wednesdays:-***

Zumba	9.15am -10.15am	07999 444045
Quilting Web	9.30am - 12.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 2nd,4th,5th</i>	01622 710829
Quilting Friends	9.30am - 12.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 1st &amp; 3rd</i>	01622 744170
ALLARA Keep Fit	10.30am - 11.30am	01622 756475
2nd Allington Brownies	6.15pm - 7.45pm	01622 753563
Maidstone Dance Academy	3.15pm - 6.15 Hall & 4.00 - 6.00 ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 746835
Allington Castle WI	7.00pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 3rd</i>	01622 721170
Maidstone Circle Dance Club	8.00pm - 10.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 753090

***Thursdays:-***

NHS Retirement Fellowship	10.30am - 12.45pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 670240
ALLARA	10.00am - 12.00 ~ <i>Small Hall 1<sup>st</sup></i>	01622 756475
Creative Art & Textiles	10.00am—3.00pm	01622 695769
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Allington Garden Club	7.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	01622 754855
Mid Kent Fuchsia Group	7.15pm - 10.15pm ~ <i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	01795 539722
Mothers' Union	2.30pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>Church ~3rd</i>	01622 678312

***Fridays:-***

Zumba	9.15am - 11.15am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07999 444045
Simply Pilates	12.30pm - 2.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07845 442885
Musical Playtime	10.00am - 11.00am	01622 669400
St Nicholas Fellowship	2.30pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	764913/762548
OASIS Café / Mum's & Babes	9.30am—12noon ~ <i>2nd in Church</i>	07951 777854

***Saturdays:-***

Children's Saturday Club	10.00am—12 noon ~ <i>3rd</i>	07951 777854
1st Allington Rainbows	9.00am - 10.00am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07742 846625
Hearty Quilters	9.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	01732 823383
Clouds Youth Group	1.30pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07886 566984
Mid Kent Metal Detecting Club	6.30pm-10pm ~ <i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	01233 612312
Men's Breakfast	8.30am - 9.30am <i>Last Saturday</i>	01622 759278

***Sundays***

Light Life Christian Fellowship	11.00am—1.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	josephanderson111@icloud.com
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2	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Morning Worship
		5.00pm	<b>OASIS in the Afternoon</b>
3	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
5	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
6	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
9	Sun	9.30am	<b>OASIS</b>
		11.00am	Holy Communion
		12.30pm	<b>Sunday Lunch Club</b>
10	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
12	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
13	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
16	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	<b>OASIS Communion</b>
		8.30am	Morning Prayer
19	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
20	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
22	Sat	11.00am	<b>Messy Church - Sports</b>
23	Sun	9.30am	<b>OASIS</b>
		11.00am	Holy Communion
24	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
26	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
27	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
30	Sun	8.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - St Nicholas
		10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion - St Andrew's