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**Wishing all our readers an
enjoyable summer!
Grapevine is taking a break as well!
See you again in September!**

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Sunday Services

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



What is church? Many people today understand the church as a building. This is not a biblical understanding of the church. The word 'church' is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, which is defined as 'an assembly'. The meaning of 'church' is not then a building, but a group of people.

I was reminded recently that so much of what we do in church is not formal worship but being together in fellowship in so many different ways. So many, who choose not to attend formal worship, still come along to spend time together through a myriad of activities. From Bible study and prayer groups to social functions and entertainment; there is always so much going on.

We consider ourselves to be a Community Church, a church that offers far more than formal Sunday worship. With our two churches and their three halls we engage with a very broad cross-section of our community. It is in the relationship that we are what church really is.

The authentic difference between church and other community groups is a desire to offer what others want over our own longings and preference. We seek to engage with people, not to simply introduce them to the ways of Jesus, but to enjoy the company of others and take pleasure in sharing our time with them. This is particularly appreciated if people are lonely or new to the area, but we make every effort to engage with individuals and families of all ages.

For us to be all that we can be to our neighbours, relies on each one of us inviting our family and friends to the events taking place. Everything we do is open to all and we particularly welcome those who simply want to just look. We place no expectation on anyone. They can come to what they like, as often or as infrequently as they choose.

Good relationship and time spent together is as much church as singing hymns and sharing communion.. God delights in the time we give to Him, but more so in the time we give to others, for Him.

Rev Barry



St Nicholas LOOs and LIGHTs CAMPAIGN

Have you ever used the toilet in our church?

You will appreciate that, after 40 years, it needs updating.

Your Church Council has decided that **the toilet facilities must now be improved and plan to create 3 separate toilets (including an accessible one) and a new tea-bar in the church** - all to 21st century standards.

These new facilities will be constructed within the existing office and vestry area; it will cost around £35,000.

At the same time, we intend **to improve the standard of lighting in the church** to make it less harsh and a more flexible source for services and other events; this will cost around £10,000.

So, in total we need to raise £45,000.

We shall be running a variety of fund-raising events in 2019 but the majority of the funds need to be raised by us in the form of donations.

If you would like to see improved toilet facilities and better lighting in the church please consider making a donation.

Please pick up a donation form from the back of church or from the website www.stnicholasallington.org.uk so you can contribute towards this major improvement to our facilities.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah, David, Nigel & Jill (Fundraising Team)

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justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stnicholas-church



What a cup of coffee can do for the elderly

Here is a curious thing: even just one cup of coffee a day can reduce the risk of an elderly person falling – by up to a third.

A recent study of thousands of older patients from the UK and Spain has found that even small amounts of coffee are enough to make them steadier on their feet.

That is good news for many elderly folk, as about one in three people over 65 will have at least one fall a year, and half will fall frequently. This is because older people can suffer balance problems, weaker muscles, dementia or low blood pressure.

The study was done at a university in Madrid. All in all, it costs the NHS £2.3billion a year to treat and care for elderly patients who suffer a fall.



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St Nicholas Church



Free Film Afternoon
Saturday 7th September 3pm
Refreshments Available

WHO ARE THEY?

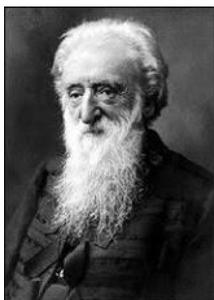
Where did all the Christian denominations come from? We continue the series on Christian Churches in the UK

Who Are They? - - The Salvation Army

Herbert McGonigle continues his series on the Christian denominations..the article is long, but well worth the space, as with Christmas coming, the Salvation Army will once again be seen on our streets...



No group of Christians is more instantly recognisable than the Salvation Army. With their familiar uniform, their badge proclaiming 'Blood and Fire,' their music and their ministry on the streets, Salvationists have been serving the Lord and people for almost 130 years.



The Salvation Army was created by William and Catherine Booth and a few supporting friends in London in 1878. Booth was converted among the Methodists as a teenager and was quickly recognised as an evangelist. He married Catherine Mumford in 1855 and became a minister with the Methodist New Connexion. Although a very successful pastor and soul-winner, his passion was for itinerant evangelism. When his denomination refused to release him into full-time evangelism in 1861, he and Catherine left the New Connexion and became travelling evangelists.

Catherine had begun preaching while she and William were in ministry in Gateshead in the northeast of England. Soon she was as much in demand as a preacher as William. With their family the Booths settled in east London and founded the Christian Mission in 1865. From the beginning this Mission was committed to open-air preaching and waging war on drink, gambling and prostitution.

Both William and Catherine Booth came from a Methodist background and William, in particular, was a great admirer of the kind of evangelism that John Wesley had practised. East London was over-crowded and was notorious for its many taverns, gambling dens and brothels. Every day the Booths saw the squalor and poverty in which so many people lived. The Christian Mission published its own magazine, the Christian Mission Magazine. In 1878 it carried an article that described the Mission as a 'volunteer army.' Booth changed the wording to read a 'salvation army' and so the name was born.

From its beginnings the Salvation Army was distinct from the other Christian denominations. Most of its preaching was done outside taverns, clubs and

gambling dens and it was direct, personal and challenging. Soon it was reaching people for whom most of the churches had no ministry. Workers began to wear a uniform as Booth saw their mission as a war on crime, poverty and sin.

Workers became 'soldiers,' with ranks ascending to Booth himself as the General. From the start, Booth's 'soldiers' were both men and women, and most of them were the Army's converts. Unashamedly William and Catherine Booth combined their Wesleyan passion for evangelism with social and practical care. The Salvation Army had a holistic ministry from the start. Some of William's reported dictums sum up his vision and concern. 'Go for souls and go for the worst.' 'You can't preach to a man who has an empty stomach. Feed him first.'

The work of the Salvation Army spread very rapidly. By 1884 it was working in the USA, Canada, Australia, France and Germany. The Salvationists opened food depots for the poor, an unemployment exchange, night shelters, a women's hospital, a farm colony, soup kitchens, a match factory and many industrial projects. No other Christian organisation so combined soul-saving and social concern.



**Maidstone Salvation Army -
Union Street**

In 1887 Booth published a book entitled, 'In Darkest England and the Way Out'. It was an exposure of the terrible social and moral conditions that prevailed among Britain's poor, especially in the large cities. The book was the result of what Booth and his Salvationists saw for themselves every day of the week. No government committee or organisation had the hands-on experience of the Salvation Army when it came to dealing with the appalling poverty, drunkenness, violence and child prostitution that existed in places like the east end of Victorian London.

Booth's fiery pages were a Christian Manifesto to tackle poverty and unemployment and the book became a best seller almost overnight. Booth argued that when the state neglects the poor, then Christians must take up the work. Booth proposed that a £100,000 fighting fund should be subscribed by the public and that a steady £30,000 should be added every year to create work. He pleaded that men and women are made in God's image and must be 'reshaped' to become what God intended.

The book was a daring blueprint of social revolution combined with the

Christian gospel of salvation. In one month it sold 90,000 copies and a year later 200,000 copies had been sold. The book had both warm supporters and fierce critics. Thomas Huxley, the well-known atheist, dismissed it scornfully but criticism or opposition did not deter the Salvation Army.

Almost from the start of its work, the Salvation Army made use of music. Brass and silver bands became synonymous with the SA uniform. Salvationists like Richard Slater, who had played violin under the famous conductor Sir Arthur Sullivan, Fred Fry, a self-taught organist, and Herbert Booth, the General's third son, began a revolution when they set SA songs and hymns to popular hit tunes. General Booth was not sure about this practice at first. Then he heard a Salvationist sing Christian words to one of the most popular Music Halls tunes of the day, Champagne Charlie. Noting how the crowd thundered their applause at the end, he is reported to have said, 'Why should the Devil have all the best tunes?' From that day Salvation Army music and songs were written and sung to catch the attention of people who did not attend any church. Later the Salvation Army opened its own musical department and in a year or two there were no fewer than 400 SA bands.

The Salvation Army began a Missing Persons Bureau, a service that grew over the years and continues to the present. Another of William Booth's visions was to set up legal aid for poor people. It meant that those too poor to hire solicitors and barristers could still have legal aid in court cases. One of the earliest



Salvation Army Maidstone Interior

successes of this service showed the extent of the Army's influence. A governess had been seduced by a wealthy man. The Salvation Army tracked him down and threatened to expose him. He agreed to pay the woman a down payment of £60, also £1 a week for life and a £450 life insurance policy.

Doctrinally the Salvation Army's beliefs show the Booths' Wesleyan background. Their Eleven Articles of faith speak of Christ dying for the sins of the whole world, salvation by faith in Christ and every Christian believer called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a holy life.

Unlike most other Christian denominations, the Salvation Army, as a general rule, does not have the Lord's Table or baptisms in its services. Although William Booth never seems to have explained fully his reasons for these decisions, two facts must be considered.

First, a majority of the Army's first converts, both men and women, were converted drunkards. Booth was reluctant to give them even the taste of wine, fearing that some might succumb to the old craving for alcohol. Instead the Salvation Army emphasised that every meal should be a sacrament and celebration for Christians. Second, the Army dedicated young children to God instead of having a baptismal service with water. This was not an innovation for the same practice was followed in Baptist and other churches that baptise only adults.

Today the work of the Salvation Army has spread around the world. Its Christian message and devotion to social action has not changed from its early days. Salvation Army ministry is a practical expression of what is often called Jesus' Great Commandment. 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... and your neighbour as yourself' (Matt. 22:37-39).

- Dr H B McGonigle is Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology, Church History and Wesley Studies in Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England.
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ALLINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Friday 5th July

Friday 2nd August

Children's Activities available in August

12 noon to 3.00pm

St Nicholas Church Hall - Poplar Grove Allington

Refreshments available - provided by Little Fant Farm

Come and support your local independent traders

Advance Notice

6th September will be Macmillan Coffee Day

Second hand bookstall and Macmillan Tombola

THE COMFORTER

In our prayers we ask that people in some kind of difficulty may be comforted. And we might have prayed in a troubled time that we ourselves can be comforted. Some people may think of this comfort coming from Father, Son or Holy Spirit. Others may simply think of comfort coming from above.

Some traditional writings link the idea of 'The Comforter' with Jesus' long final prayer in John's Gospel (around chapter fifteen) when Jesus asks that after he leaves this earth the Holy Spirit will be passed on to the disciples. Over following centuries this has included many generations of disciples or followers. It is a wonderful picture that has helped many people. But for some people it may also raise difficult questions. Should they have been allowed to end up in the position they are now in?



For me personally this was an issue in the first church I went to as a child in Margate. It offered an easy to follow service of about thirty minutes. It had two hymns, a reading and short sermon, and a few prayers ending with the Lord's Prayer. But it was not an ordinary church. It was part of a large hospital for men and women recovering from tuberculosis. So most of that church's congregation were laying flat on hospital beds and in those days could have remained like that for two to four years.

Later this plight was grittily described by an American writer Catherine Marshall. She was a daughter of one preacher and the wife of another. So she had always been a busy member of her church. But in her late twenties, just after her son was born, Catherine was told she had tuberculosis and was confined to bed upstairs. Towards the end of three dreary years some jolly church people visited Catherine to talk about Wholeness and Healing. Sadly, they sent Catherine through the roof and only seemed to rub salt in a bitter wound. Eventually she searched the Bible for herself to find some help and new drugs enabled her slowly to get back to full strength. But as she did, her overworked preacher husband died in his mid-forties from a sudden heart attack. So for her the idea of "The Comforter" was never an easy



idea to handle. But she kept battling away. And eventually she was able to find her 'own Comforter'. Later, through her books, Catherine was able to help other people find the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Today, tuberculosis has virtually disappeared from the scene. New medicines and technology has given our generation many benefits. Yet, despite a message on a passing van saying "We offer instant high-tech solutions", problems and unfairness still remain. And for some people our modern way of life brings its own demands.

So this idea of "The Comforter" will not answer all our worldly needs. But it comes out of a passage in John's Gospel which over the centuries has offered people a very deep source of comfort from a very special source. And that is still available to us today.

Robin Hiam

THE MOON AND GOD!!

What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon? I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

50 years ago this month (July 20, 1969), two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon.

But, what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.



The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life; and, knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him and so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give

thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ... Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements."

"And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."



How many of you knew this? Too bad this type of news doesn't travel as fast as the bad does.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God. **Amen.**

Submitted by Elsa Harrington

Quotes for July

Keep praying but be thankful that God's answers are wiser than your prayers! – *William Culbertson*

I was trained from the beginning to work, to save, and to give. – *John D Rockefeller, Jr.*

ALLINGTON LIBRARY



Monday	Closed	Thursday	9am - 6pm
Tuesday	9am - 6pm	Friday	9am - 6pm
Wednesday	9am - 6pm	Saturday	9am - 1pm

Storytime and Crafts – Every Tuesday 2pm – 2.30pm

Rhyme Time – Every Thursday 2.15pm – 2.45pm

Talk Time – Every Friday 10am – 11.30am

Summer Reading Challenge 2019 at Allington Library

SPACE CHASE

Starts on Saturday 13th July 2019

Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in all Kent's libraries this summer.

The theme for 2019 is 'Space Chase'; an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens. As children read library books, they will collect special rewards and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge.

Quiet Peace

O Lord, my heart is all a prayer,
But it is silent unto thee;
I am too tired to look for words,
I rest upon thy sympathy
To understand when I am dumb;
And well I know thou hearest me.

I know thou hearest me because
A quiet peace comes down to me,
And fills the places where before
Weak thoughts were wandering wearily;
And deep within me it is calm,
Though waves are tossing outwardly.

By Amy Carmichael (1867 – 1951)

**St Nicholas Church,
Allington**

**Beer & Bangers Tasting
evening – Sat. 6th July, 2019**



from 7.30pm

in Main Hall, St Nicholas Church, ME16 0DE

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Free entry, with collection for church funds

Queries to Parish Office – 01622 299715



JONATHAN VEIRA

SONGS & TALES

An unforgettable evening with the
international singer and raconteur

St Nicholas Church, 35 Poplar Grove,
Maidstone, Allington ME16 0DE

Saturday 14th September
7.30pm start

Tickets: £8 Refreshments available

To obtain tickets, call the Church office
on 01622 299715 or email stnicholas1@outlook.com

Alternatively call Angela Redford on
01622 758641/07944 208977 or email
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here in my town!'*

'Amazing!'

Signs found outside churches

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is a ch_ _ch What is missing? (U R)
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- In the dark? Follow the Son.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

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Volunteer Coffee Morning

Friday 12th July 2019
10am-12pm

Magnolia Place, Heart of Kent Hospice, ME20 7PU

*Come and
join the team!*

*New and existing
volunteers welcome*

*For details visit
www.hokh.org/events
or call
01622 792200 ext.225*



Youth & Organisations News

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

'Thank You!' to all those who came to our Coffee Morning and Lunch on Wednesday 5th June. All went well and we raised just over £216 for our funds. Sandra Goodey, Trustee and Faith Coordinator for Canterbury Diocese MU led our meeting on 18th June. Next month is our Garden Party and we hope the weather will be kind to us. John Cunningham is coming along to entertain us with a sing song!

Chris Cook (01622

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Branch Leader



ALLINGTON CASTLE

The AGM in May was successful and we now have a new Committee with lots of ideas for the coming year. At our meeting on 17th July we have a speaker from SERV-KENT Blood Runners, a voluntary organisation that takes blood and other emergency products to hospitals, etc which eases the pressure on the emergency services. Visitors are welcome to come along to what I am sure will be an interesting talk on this vital service

Joyce Foster

ALLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

In May some of our members visited a garden called "Timbers" at Dean Street which was open by appointment through the NGS. It is a 5

acre garden surrounded by trees some being 100 years old. The flower beds were packed with plants and bulbs. There were wildflower meadows, woodland, a pond and much more plus tea and cake and the owner was on hand to answer any questions. A good afternoon and a garden well worth visiting.

On 25th May the club had a coach outing to Leonardslee Gardens where there were lots of aromatic Rhododendrons and Azaleas. Steep walkways leading to the ponds and a large beautiful Dolls House exhibition.

On July 4th we will be having a talk on the Brogdale Fruit Collection and on July 27th we have another coach trip this time it's to RHS Wisley. If you require seats and cannot get to our meeting please call Pam on 01622-757319.

Our competition evening is on 1st August and all the details are on your membership card and could those that won last year please return the trophies and shields for this years event.

Pam Blake

WESTBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

We recently held our club **Open Day** where anyone could come along and have a go at bowls in a relaxed environment. Thankfully the weather was warm and dry so plenty of novices turned up. Our current members



were on hand, ready and willing to offer friendly help and support. All the visitors seemed to pick up the basics very quickly and, after a break for refreshments and a chat, the fun continued.

I am very happy to report that several of the attendees returned to the club during the following week for more tuition at our **club roll-up sessions**. They certainly seem to have been "bitten by the bug".

If you missed the **Open Day** but still want to have a go, just come along to the club on a **Monday at 3pm** or **Thursday at 5pm** where there will be someone to help you. If this is not convenient, please get in touch with me and we can make alternative arrangements. We are trying to make it as easy as possible for new bowlers with 3 free starter sessions and no annual membership fee for the first year. It would be great to see you at the club.

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OPEN CIRCLE

It was with regret that I heard of the death of German-born, Jewess, Judith Kerr this week. Aged 95 she is best-



known for her wonderful children's stories, which she illustrated herself: *Mog, the Forgetful Cat*; *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* and *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* amongst the most memorable. The 'meaning' of the latter has been hotly debated. Is the tiger, Hitler, and the story a warning against appeasement? Is the tiger a refugee who looks as though he

might cause trouble but then turns out to be friendly? Does the tiger symbolise the 1960s sexual revolution where normal life is upended by this wild and exotic creature? When the journalist Emily Maitlis asked Judith Kerr was this what the tiger represented, she replied *No; it was about a tiger coming to tea*. So, a lesson for all reading groups who like to delve too deeply into the themes and characters of the books they read!

I've just finished *Destroying Angel* by S G MacLean which I enjoyed. This is the third in the Damien Seeker historical novels set in the time of Oliver Cromwell which, like the CJ Sansom novels is full of historical detail as well as including a mystery for the protagonist to solve. I'm also part way through the second of the Deborah Harkness *All Souls* trilogy with its daemons, vampires and witches. I really enjoyed the first book *A Discovery of Witches*, but, so far, am less enthralled by *Shadow of Night*.

Our book for July is *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner, a wonderfully -written novel about love, marriage and growing older. Not at all slushy, it is a poignant portrayal of the life of two married couples over four decades.

Our meetings are on July 10^h at Mary's (2 Carisbrook Drive) for a discussion of the book, and on July 24th at Lesley's (14 Horton Downs) for coffee and chat. Everyone is always welcome.

Dianne White 756660

ST NICHOLAS FELLOWSHIP



Our last meeting was again on the road with a pleasant drive to Frankie's Farm Shop, near Staplehurst, where we had an enjoyable afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream washed down with cups of tea/coffee, a few were tempted by the variety of cakes and gateaux on offer (at an extra charge), and then finished off with a walk around the poly tunnels viewing the reasonably priced bedding plants and garden ornaments on display, some of which found their way into various car boots. The next meeting is on Friday 12th July and will **not** be at the Church, instead we are taking to the road, and heading to Andrew's in Harrietsham for our Summer Garden Party, where we will enjoy a finger buffet in his garden, please bring a plate of food. If you require a lift, please contact me and I will arrange transport for you.

Michael Froude
01622 759098

ALLINGTON TREFOIL GUILD



At last month's meeting we welcomed a speaker from Tyland Barn who gave us a very interesting talk about our gardens and how to encourage wildlife by supplying food shelter and water. Some of our members have got together for a craft evening and two walks were planned for June. One round Trosley country park, and one round Teston. We have two new mem-

bers joining us this month and if you are interested in joining us then please contact us on allintontg@btinternet.com.

Nicola
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Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

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Charity of the Month - July and August Kintsugi Hope

Kintsugi Hope was founded by Diane and Patrick Regan OBE after a series of operations and events that took them to the brink; physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. They faced illness and loss in their family and community. **'Kintsugi' (金継ぎ)** is a Japanese technique for repairing pottery with seams of gold. The word means **'golden joinery'** in Japanese. This repairs the brokenness in a way that makes the object more beautiful, and even more unique than it was prior to being broken. Instead of hiding the scars it makes a **feature** of them.



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Wordsearch for July - St Swithun

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21	D & B Davison		M Salvage D Salvage C Colyer	
28		I Redford S Lavender D Hayles		M Gentry G Garrett

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July w/e

7	A Harries
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21	
28	N Bailey

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5	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
7	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
8	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
9	Fri	9.30am	OASIS Café with Mums & Babes
11	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	OASIS
		11.00am	Holy Communion
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ALLARA Kurling	2.00pm - 5.00pm <i>2nd & 4th</i>	01622 686305
Flair School of Dance	4.00pm - 6.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
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	07951 777854
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>3rd</i>	01622 756475
Simply Pilates	6.00pm - 7.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07845 442885
Trefoil Guild	7.00pm onwards - <i>1st Tuesday</i>	allington@btinternet.com

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 & 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 1st</i>	01622 756475
Creative Art & Textiles	10.00am—3.00pm	01622 695769
Allington Knights Beavers	5.45pm - 6.45pm	07846 600953
Allington Cub Scouts	6.30pm - 8.00pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	07846 600953
2nd Allington Guides	7.00pm - 8.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 685264
Allington Garden Club	7.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 754855
Mid Kent Fuchsia Group	7.15pm - 10.15pm ~ <i>2nd</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>2nd</i>	764913/762548
OASIS Café / Mums & 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
Hearly Quilters	9.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>1st</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>2nd</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
Light Life Christian Fellowship	5.30pm—8.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	josephanderson111@icloud.com

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1	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
3	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
4	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
7	Sun	10.00am	Morning Worship
		5.00pm	OASIS in the Afternoon
8	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
10	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
11	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
12	Fri	9.30am	OASIS Café with Mums & Babes
		2.30pm	St Nicholas Fellowship - Harrietsham
13	Sat	11.00am	Messy Church - Messy Picnics!
14	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	OASIS Parade Service
		11.00am	Holy Communion
15	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
17	Wed	8.30am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
18	Thur	9.00am	Prayer space
		2.30pm	Mothers' Union Annual Garden Party
21	Sun	10.00am	OASIS Communion (with Explorers)
22	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
24	Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
25	Thur	9.00am	Prayer space
28	Sun	9.30am	OASIS
		11.00am	Holy Communion
		12.30pm	Sunday Lunch Club
29	Mon	8.30am	Morning Prayer
31	Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion