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Sunday Services

8.00	am	Holy Communion – 1 st & 3 rd Sundays
9.30	am	OASIS All-age worship – 2 nd & 4 th Sundays
		Morning Worship - 1st Sunday
		OASIS Joint Communion – 3 rd Sunday
10.00	am	Joint Service - 5 th Sunday at
		St Nicholas or St Andrew's
11.00	am	Holy Communion - 2 nd & 4 th Sundays

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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 Chris Writes.....

Many of you will be aware that Sarah and I were away, in Spain, from after Easter, until the middle of June, as we took the opportunity for a sabbatical to walk the pilgrimage route known as the Camino de Santiago, or Way of St James.

There are various routes that can be taken on this historic pilgrimage but we walked the most famous, and the most ancient, the one referred to as the French Way, or Camino Frances. The traditional starting point is a town called St Jean Pied de Port, on the French side of the Pyrenees.



The route then goes over the mountains, crosses into Spain and runs for about 500 miles to the city of Santiago de Compostela. It passes through various regions and differing landscapes and we encountered almost every form of weather possible.

We carried everything we needed in our rucksacks and made the conscious decision not to book any accommodation in advance, preferring to trust that there would be a bed for the night wherever we chose to stop. Such overnight stops were in bunk houses, known as albergues, and we slept in dormitories with up to fifty others (thankfully we took earplugs!).

A typical day started at 6am and we were usually on the road shortly after, but then often we would finish walking by mid afternoon, leaving the rest of the day to relax, do washing, eat and talk to others staying in the same place. Many thousands of people from across the world walk this pilgrimage each year, for a whole variety of reasons, and not especially religious ones some are religious, some 'because it's there', some are looking for internal enlightenment, some we met were dealing with fractured relationships, the loss of a loved one, recovering from illness and, significantly, there were those dealing with their own mental health issues.

We do quite a lot of walking in one way or another but nothing had quite prepared us for how different this would be. This was definitely a journey of a different order and all that was encountered was a metaphor for life. We are very conscious of the fact that we were privileged to have been given the opportunity to go on this journey and would certainly recommend the concept of pilgrimage to others as a way of 're-prioritising' things - we also recognise that for most people a six week pilgrimage just isn't going to be possible, or practical.

Having said that I wonder if there are other ways the principle of pilgrimage can be introduced into our daily lives in some way. How that happens is up to each individual but to my mind the principal is about how we, under God, re-prioritise our lives and take time to sense the bigger picture rather than being bogged down in the all too irrelevant detail that can lead to stress, anxiety and possibly mental health issues.

I could be wrong but I think the principle of 'pilgrimage', however it is practi-

cally adapted to our own circumstances, can only be of benefit to ourselves and those around us.

Buen Camino

Rev Chris



Last summer in our Bible Project series we took an overview of the Old Testament in the course of four weeks - that was a lot to cover.

Since then our main focus has been books in the New Testament so for our Autumn series we are going to return to the Old Testament to consider the **book of the prophet Isaiah**.

There will be five sessions in which we hope to touch on the major themes, and, more importantly, what they mean for us today. Those sessions will be on **Tuesday evenings**, at **7.30pm in church**, as follows:

SEPTEMBER 10th & 24th OCTOBER 8th & 29th NOVEMBER 12th

All are welcome to attend - refreshments will be provided.

Rev Chris

Charity of the Month

Barnabas Fund seeks to identify and respond to the latest needs of Christians around the world who are living with pressure and persecution. In some cases Barnabas Fund is the first organisation to respond when disaster strikes. It works to bring hope and aid to the persecuted Church around the world through financial support, prayer, raising awareness, and speaking up on behalf of the voiceless.

Margaret Fagg makes and sells cards in aid of the Barnabas Fund at our monthly Fairtrade Stall in church.





WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER, 24th - 30th NOVEMBER 2019

In November 2017 we held a Week of Accompanied Prayer for the first time at this church. It proved to be very popular with 25 people signing up, without really knowing what they were letting themselves in for.

So what did happen?

What happened was that those people took the opportunity to take a bit of 'me' time out of each day for the period of one week. This involved them speaking with a 'prayer guide' each day in church who then gave ideas about how best to connect their 'me' time with God for half an hour per day - for some that might have been just sitting quietly, for others it was going for a short walk (which is what I did).

This wasn't about being very 'prayerful' or 'spiritual', it was about giving some space to re-orientate. If you read my article in this month's magazine (September) you will see I talk about the possibility of everyday pilgrimages that help us re-prioritise. I think the Week of Accompanied Prayer is just that - perhaps it should be called 'A WEEK OF DAILY PIGRIMAGE', and I think pilgrimage is good for the health.

I believe all who took part got something meaningful out of the week and so we are once again offering the opportunity to go on this daily pilgrimage that doesn't ask much out of each day and may just change your outlook, even your life.

To register your interest contact Angela Redford(01622 758641 angela.redford@hotmail.co.uk) or pick up an application form from the back of church. **Rev Chris**

WHO ARE THEY?

Where did all the Christian denominations come from? This is the last of the series on Christian Churches in the UK

Who Are They? - - The Holiness and Pentecostal Churches

It is convenient to group these Churches together as they share a doctrine of the experience of the Holy Spirit that has many similarities. These Churches came into existence in the closing decades of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. They arose simultaneously in Britain and America and since then have spread to most parts of the world.

The Holiness Churches, including the Free Methodist Church, the Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Holiness Church, have strong links with John Wesley and Methodism. John Wesley taught a doctrine of Christian holiness or sanctification that emphasised the Christian's deliverance from sin and a life filled with the love of God and neighbour. This was often called a 'second blessing' because these Holiness Churches taught that it was work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian after the new birth, hence a 'second' blessing.

These Churches emerged in America from about the 1860s onwards and a little later in Britain. In the 1870s a number of Christian Conventions were held in England; in Oxford and Brighton particularly. As a result the Keswick Convention, in England's northwest Lake District, was begun in 1875. These Conventions taught what was called the Higher Christian Life. This meant an experience of being filled with the Spirit that enabled the Christian to live a holy life and witness effectively for Christ. This was very similar to the sanctification doctrine being taught by the Holiness Churches.

In the years 1906 and 1907 a new emphasis appeared, claiming that Christians had been filled or baptised in the Holy Spirit and were enabled to speak in 'new tongues,' as on the Day of Pentecost. For this reason these Churches were labelled 'Pentecostal.' This 'baptism in the Spirit' was also a kind of second blessing because normally it did not happen at the moment of new birth but later in the believer's life. These 'Pentecostal' Christians claimed that the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in the New Testament, gifts like speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy and healing, were being restored to the Church as at its beginning.

The Pentecostal movement spread very rapidly and its best-known churches are the Assemblies of God, the Elim Pentecostal Church, and Apostolic Churches. The beginnings of the Pentecostal movement in Britain in 1906 were closely linked to the revival that broke out in Wales in 1904. Two converts from that revival, the brothers Stephen and George Jeffries, were leaders in early British Pentecostalism.



Holiness and Pentecostal Churches are part of the Evangelical wing of the Christian Church. In this context 'Evangelical' refers to the doctrines of sin, grace, new birth and witness of the Spirit. An Evangelical is a Christian who believes that everyone is a sinner and must be 'born again' by the Holy Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. This new birth is the gift of God to all who repent and call on the Lord to be saved.

While Evangelicals normally put a strong emphasis on the importance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, they insist that these means of grace are not able to bring about the new birth which is wrought directly in the soul by the Holy Spirit. Most of these Churches do not use any kind of written liturgy but are like Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, where the minister or pastor leads the worship. Congregational singing is very much a feature of the worship, and the preaching of God's Word is meant to be the central act in the service.

Most of these Holiness and Pentecostal churches do not have any kind of centralised control and each local church is able to call its own minister or pastor. All these churches now have their own theological colleges and seminaries where future leaders, pastors and preachers are trained. Although there is not a unanimous view about women in ministry, most of the churches included in this description do ordain women into the ministry. Most of these churches also have a very deep interest in missionary work and between them have thousands of both overseas and indigenous missionaries.

In the 1960s a new phenomenon appeared in churches in Britain and America. It looked like a resurgence of Pentecostalism because of its emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit. It was given a number of names, including 'the latter rain' (from Joel 2:23), 'restorationism' (i.e. restoring the Church to apostolic days), 'second wave,' the first wave being Pentecost. But the name that eventually became prominent was Charismatic, from the Greek word charis, meaning 'grace.'

The Charismatic movement was welcomed by people in existing denominations and it tended not to produce any new denominations. It affected the Christian Church quite widely, including many of the Protestant denomina-

tions and many Roman Catholic churches. Much of this emphasis was on a new kind of exuberant worship, featuring praise songs and choruses, and with organs and pianos being replaced with a medley of instruments, and worship being led by praise groups.

While some aspects of the Charismatic movement were embraced by some Holiness churches, it was much more a Pentecostal phenomenon. Its emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit aligned it with the older Pentecostal churches. Today the many churches and movements that are included under the designations of Holiness, Pentecostal and Charismatic, form a very significant part of Evangelicalism around the world.

- Dr H B McGonigle is Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology, Church History and Wesley Studies in Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England. **Originally published in 2007 - Parish Pump**

Virtual Games Fundraiser for Loos and Lights at St Nicholas Church

During May of this year, there was a fundraising event at St Nicholas Church to help raise money for the Loos and Lights campaign. For the duration of the month, people signed up to agree to record how far they move using smart watches and good old pen and paper and providing they can show they moved at least the equivalent of a kilometre per day, at the end of the month, they qualified for a medal. We had people of all ages signing up and many participants were surprised by just how much they moved in the course of a day.

It cost £10 to register and then you could get extra sponsorship from friends and family to boost the funds.

We raised about £450 and had an award ceremony where everyone received their medals.

The top fund raiser, the person who raised the most sponsorship, won an engraved glass award, the winner raising nearly £170! An amazing amount. Well done to everyone who got involved.

Jackie Wilkinson



Faith Rocks - Allington

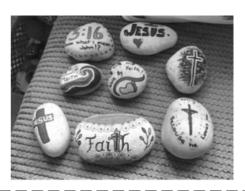
Have you found a painted rock or two hidden around the streets of Allington recently? A new craze has been sweeping various local villages and igniting the excitement of hide and seek in a whole new way.

Now Allington has its own rock hiding fun whereby local people and especially children, seek out painted rocks that have been hidden around the local area, take a photo and post onto the Faith Rocks group on Facebook and then re-hide for somebody else to find.

You can also make your own rocks, there are instructions on the Facebook Group Page how to do this and then rehide them for others to find. Watch out for those rocks and join in!

Jackie Wilkinson - Faith Rocks Admin.





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Saturday 5th October, 2019 at 7pm

St Nicholas' Church Hall, Poplar Grove, Allington ME16 0DE

Come and enjoy a delicious supper.
Please bring your own drinks (glasses provided).

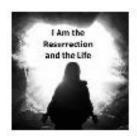
Home-grown entertainment and a raffle.

Proceeds to St Nicholas Church Funds.

TICKETS: £5 per adult, £15 per family from Parish Office or Sarah – 297307

Come and volunteer to perform on stage for 5 mins – sing, dance, act, read a poem etc...

Contact Sarah Lavender {297307} to book your slot!!!



Saturday 21st September



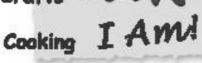


From 11.00am - 1.30pm
In the Church and Church Halls
Poplar Grove ME16 oDE
ALL WELCOME!











Worship

















Alongside Africa - Latest update

Ruth Brind writes...

Disaster struck a month or two ago when council workers turned up at the Street Children's Centre and demanded its' immediate closure due to "encouraging children to stay out of school". In actual fact great care is taken to ensure that the children who come really are homeless, and have nowhere to sleep and certainly, no food to eat. Though I have to say I witnessed a father come into the centre very angrily one day to take his children out as he said he paid to keep them in school. It was clear from the look of him that he made great sacrifices to do so., and I heartily sympathised.

So, short term plans had to be made very quickly indeed, a few extra sponsors were found, some older children had to be sent away, and a few children were found families who would be paid to take them in. Great efforts were made to placate the Kabale Council and re-open.

This now comes from Monica Titterton, who together with her husband Lawrance runs the Alongside Africa, Uganda.

"Firstly we have had confirmation that the Probation Officer who closed us down did not have the official authority to do so. Although the Ugandan Government is making changes to fulfil the promises they made to the UN regarding children's rights she was jumping the gun by telling us to close down. It was also very encouraging to see how many local people were upset about the news of us having to close. Our landlord, Dr Ambrose, also had some informal discussions with the Permanent Secretary in Kampala, who has now taken an interest in our case.

To cut a long story short we will now be allowed to re-open. We are reviewing the way we work so that we visibly follow all governmental directives and are also making sure we follow best practice. Looking back over the past months it is obvious that God has been carrying us for much of the time and that he will let this work out for the best. A certain Bible verse keeps coming to my mind "For I know the plans I have for you". (Jer 29. 11) And I know that these words are true for every child we work with. "

MonicaTitterton

New Cross for our Side Altar

This is a picture of our new wall mounted cross for our side chapel area. This has been hand made, and painted, in Kabale, through our link with Alongside Africa. The artwork is beautiful and depicts biblical scenes from an African perspective.

The photograph does not do justice to the wonderful colouring of the biblical scenes depicted and reflect a truly 'African' flavour which the congregation will appreciate, further supporting our link with this amazing charity.

The cross will be affixed to the wall behind the side altar once all of the building works taking place in church are completed and will be available to view from the beginning of September.

Please do make a special effort to come and see it!

Chris Cook - Editor



ALLINGTON LIBRARY

PLEASE NOTE REVISED OPENING HOURS FROM 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday Closed all day

 Tuesday
 9am - 1pm
 2pm - 5pm

 Wednesday
 9am - 1pm
 2pm - 5pm

 Thursday
 Closed
 2pm - 5pm

 Friday
 9am - 1pm
 2pm - 5pm

 Saturday
 9am - 1pm
 Closed

Rhyme Time - Every Thursday 2.15pm - 2.45pm
Talk Time - Every Friday 10am - 11.30am



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 stricholas1@outlook.com

Alternatively call Angela Redford on 01622 758641/07944 208977 or email angela.redford@hotmail.co.uk

CDs, DVDs & Books all available to buy at the concert



BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

This time I have gone back to writings around 400AD and to those of John Cassian. In those days day to day life was not easy. The Roman Empire was still powerful but going through change. There was trade and some justice for those who could afford it while many others had to accept unfairness, harshness and illness as it came. Yet there was more freedom of speech. Christians could now worship openly and monasteries were becoming centres of learning.

John Cassian travelled round the early monasteries in and around Egypt, listening to how their leaders were using Bible passages. This involved a physical journey and also an inward journey. It meant trying to understand how followers of Jesus found inner peace and sanctuary and making a record of the advice received.

A monk or pilgrim needed to have an aim which he kept pursuing, like those in other walks of life. For example, the archer would first watch other archers using a bow and arrow then try to achieve the same level of skill. The merchant would learn his trade and then have to face the uncertainties of travel and opportunities to sell his goods. The farmer would go out in all weathers, including the scorching heat of summer or the cold of winter. His immediate goal would be to clear the field of brambles and weeds to make room for his crops to grow. In the same way, the pilgrim had to have a goal to keep travelling towards - the Kingdom of Heaven.

This would have been an inward journey of heart and mind. It involved listening to others of greater experience and giving time and attention. There was an excellent illustration of this in the story of Jesus going to the home of two sisters, Martha and Mary.

Martha was toiling with pious care to make the house ready and provide their guest with refreshment. Seeing that she could not do everything by herself, Martha complained to Jesus that she had to do all the work while Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his words. The Lord said to Martha "You are worried and upset about many things but only one thing was needed. Mary has chosen what is better."

The chief good was to listen to Jesus and meditation. This put all other virtues into second place, even though in many respects these tasks were necessary, useful and excellent. At this moment the Lord made the chief good not in practical work, however praiseworthy and rich the rewards may be, but in contemplation.

Setting aside this time might have been possible for John Cassian. But it may not have been easy for other people. The archer would have had to give time to archery, the merchant to trading, a housewife to maintaining

the home, and so on.

In today's world some people will think that they are already doing the work of two and a half Martha's so it is difficult to be a Mary. What these old writings might tell us now is that if we have only a brief time to give to Jesus, we need to make the most of those moments. At times that could mean echoing the words of one of our choruses "Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here". **Robin Hiam**

Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around He burns with holy fire With splendour He is crowned How awesome is the sight Our radiant King of light Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around

Youth & Organisations News



Well what a lovely afternoon we had at our Annual Party which happened to also be our 80th anniversarv! Please read more about it on page 20! We did not have a meeting in August but instead enjoyed a half day trip to Foal Farm near Biggin Hill. This is a 26 acre farm specifically provided for those animals needing sanctuary. Tea and cakes were also enjoyed as part of the visit! Our September meeting will include a talk on the local 'Princess Project'.

A reminder also that our General Meeting for Britain and Ireland is in Portsmouth on 18th September.

Chris Cook (01622 670240 Branch Leader

ALLINGTON CASTLE

At our meeting on 18th September Helen Ken-

dall Tobias will be telling us that "Winkles Don't Matter" - want to know if that's true - why not come along and join us. All visitors are welcome. We are a small but friendly WI and apart from our monthly meetings we have monthly book, scrabble and luncheon clubs plus various outings during the year. The competition this month is an item beginning with "B".

Joyce Foster

ALLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

On the 4th July we had a talk on the fruit collection that is held at Broadale where they hold 2200 varieties of apple, 220 cherry, 330 plum as well as other fruit. It was a very interesting evening.

Our trip to RHS Wisley went well. It has changed so much with new gardens created and especially the new visitor entrance, cafe, plant and shop areas. We were also very lucky with the weather, rain on the way down then dry whilst there and rain on the way back.

On Thursday 1st August we had our annual competition evening which went well although down on numbers this year with entries and attendance. The next meeting is on 5th Sept when we will have a talk on the restoration of the Riverhill Himalayan Gardens at Sevenoaks.

Visitors are always welcome.

Pam Blake

WESTBOROUGH **BOWLS CLUB**

Those of you with long memories will recall that exactly a Steve Cordery 725650 year ago. reported Westborough was doing well in the www.westboroughbowls.co.uk Maidstone & District Friday Night Triples league where we were in second place in Division 4 with just a couple of matches to go. Well, unfortunately, we were then pipped at the post when we lost the final game

of the season. This year, we are in exactly the same position - two games to go and in second place! I will let you know next month what happened.

I am really pleased to say that most of the new bowlers who came to our Open Day in May have continued to play in our club roll-up sessions. They are making excellent progress and several have even gone on to represent Westborough in matches against other local clubs. The outdoor season finishes at the end of September but there is still time for you to give bowls a try by coming along to our club for a free friendly try-out session. Just get in contact with me for more details.

One of the things that I love about the game of bowls is that it is possible to play well into your later years. This is amply illustrated by our club President. John. who recently achieved a milestone birthday but is still playing regularly and works hard on keeping the Westborough gardens looking lovely. Many happy returns! Of course, I will not reveal his age but, in the year that John was born, so was Martin Luther King Jr. and Sir Roger Bannister, and it was the year of the Wall Street Crash that signalled the start of the US Depression. That's got you scurrying for Google, hasn't it!

that steve@westboroughbowls.co.uk

OPEN CIRCLE

holiday Having а means it's a good time for some extra reading so I've enjoyed quite a



few books over the past month.

I finished the second Deborah Harkness novel *Shadow of Night* from her *All Souls* trilogy about the struggles between witches, demons and vampires. Although I was not impressed at the start, it developed well and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The final novel is waiting on my shelf to be taken on holiday later in August.

I enjoyed Lee Child's *The Midnight Line* with its central character, ex American MP Marine Jack Reacher. He is described in the novel as a huge man, an Incredible Hulk, 6ft 5 inches tall with huge hands. So who plays him in the Jack Reacher film? Tom Cruise!! I laughed so much I had to turn the TV off. The novel is a well-written thriller with an intricate plot (fairly typical), but a good read if you like thrillers.

Having enjoyed Wallace Stegner's *Crossing to Safety* so much, I took out another of his from the library. This was *All the Little Live Things* and it did not disappoint. I love the way Stegner writes and how he concentrates on just a few characters living ordinary lives and dealing with real human issues. It's another beautiful book.

Robert Galbraith's fourth novel *Lethal White* with private investigator Cormoran Strike and his partner, Robin, was also an excellent summer read. The characters are well-drawn and their personal lives blend into the investigations. It's quite unusual to find an author who writes well for children as well as adults, but JK Rowling/Galbraith seems to have managed it.

Finally, I've just finished Ann

Cleeves' *The Crow Trap* with Vera Stanhope as the detective in charge of unravelling the mystery surrounding a suicide and a murder. Our books for September are three titles by Ann Cleeves so this was an opportunity to dip into one of them. I'd never read any of hers previously, or seen the series Vera on television, and although I quite enjoyed it, I did quickly guess the murderer, although not the motive. I might need to read a couple more by Ann Cleeves before I really warm to the character and the plots.

Our first meeting in September will be on Wednesday 11th, and then on 25th. Ring Margaret 672985 or Anne 764063 for the venue. Everyone is always welcome.

Dianne White 756660

ST NICHOLAS FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting was in July, when we had an enjoyable afternoon Sum-



mer Garden Party at Andrew and Felicity's sitting around in the sun socialising and chilling out, a few having an energetic game of lawn bowls with two sets of vintage woods. My thanks to you all for providing the food, and to Andrew and Felicity for hosting the event and providing us with fruit juice and wine.

After our August recess the next meeting is in the Church on Friday 13th September at 2.30 pm. we have the pleasure of Rev Chris giving a talk on his Camino de Santiago Walk experience. You are all most welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Michael Froude 01622 759098

ALLINGTON TREFOIL GUILD

At last month's meeting we wel-



comed 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 members joining us this month and if you are interested in coming along then please contact us on allintontg@btinternet.com.

Nicola allingtontg@btinternet.com MEN'S BREAKFAST

We met on 27th July and although quite low on attendance we still managed a lively chat.



Brian gave an account of his visit to Chislehurst Caves, explaining the role of the caves during the last war.

Apparently, there was no need for heating as the people generated body heat. There was just one baby born during that time, a baby girl, her parents christened her, quite appropriately, Cavina, which she changed later in life to Rose Cavina.

We were given the pleasure of having our Rev. Chris for breakfast and the conversation turned to how times have changed regarding dressing up for Sunday Church attendance. That tradition seems to have disappeared with, mainly men attending in shorts and a T-shirt. Some of us still remember as children having to wear our

Sunday best and a good spanking if we got our clothes dirty.

We decided not to meet for breakfast in August and will resume Saturday 28th September possibly with a BBQ keep an eye on our pew sheet for further info. nearer the

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ALLINGTON GUIDING

It has been a busy couple of months for the girls of Allington Girlguiding.

1st and 2nd Brownies have had separate sleepovers at the Kathie Lamb Centre in Staplehurst both doing craft, games, getting some sleep and mostly having fun!

2nd Guides have enjoyed 4 days camping at Paxwood, a guide site near Dartford. The weather was kind to us and we hardly had any rain! Some of the girls hadn't camped before & weren't sure what to expect. We built shelters, cooked all our meals on wood fires, did some geocaching, made lanterns, went on the zip line and made pizza ovens, as well as completing lots of challenges. We also went on a long hike which counts towards our walking challenge. Evervone had a fantastic time and we are already looking forward to the next one!

1st Guides enjoyed a visit to Hemsley Conservation Centre in Meopham where they saw and handled an Armadillo and saw other cute creatures. Lots of badges are being earned with the new programme!

Paula Savage District Commissioner paula.savage22@sky.com

Mothers' Union Celebrates 80 Years in Allington!



Our meeting on Thursday 18th June was a very special one for Allington Mothers' Union as it was a celebration of 80 years of our branch in Allington!

We were able to welcome a number of Mothers' Union members from St Andrew's, Barming Heath to our party.

As always there was an abundance

of food to enjoy and Mary Gentry had made us a wonderful celebration cake, which was ceremonially cut by our own Marianna Poliszczuk who is our Diocesan President for Canterbury.

She wore her special MU top which had been gifted by our link diocese in Nigeria. She now has the entitlement to be called 'Mamma Marianna!'

The afternoon began with an 8oth anniversary quiz about Mothers' Union and its history compiled by Mary Gentry.

This was followed by wonderful entertainment from our local mu-



sician

John Cunningham who sang a number of songs from his songbook with some of our audience joining in as well.



As a branch we are always looking to see what else we can do to ensure that the work of Mothers' Union to spread the word and try and encourage more people to become aware of



the enormous contribution this charity makes both locally, nationally and internationally.

We are also conscious that as the branch meets in the afternoon this excludes a large number of people of all ages who might like to become more involved.

So, in October we are hosting an event in St Nicholas Church entitled 'Let's Get Together'. This will be an informal event, with wine and nib-



bles, to publicise all of the work that we do. We will be very pleased to see you!

Chris Cook - Branch Leader Allington MU

Let's Get Together!

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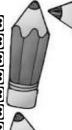


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Thursdays:- ALLARA Committee Meeting Creative Art & Textiles NHS Retirement Fellowship Sandra's Child Friendly Pilates Mothers' Union Allington Cub Scouts 2nd Allington Guides Allington Garden Club Mid Kent Fuchsia Group	10.00am - 12.00 ~ Small Hall 1st 10.00am - 2.00pm ~ Small Hall 3rd 11.00am - 1.00pm ~ 1st 1.30pm - 2.30pm ~ Small Hall 2.30pm - 4.30pm @ Church 3rd 6.30pm - 8.00pm @ Allington School 7.00pm - 8.45pm ~ Small Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm ~ 1st 7.15pm - 10.15pm ~ 2nd	01622 686305 01622 695769 01622 670240 07837 783061 01622 670240 07770 227254 01622 685264 01622 754855 01795 539722				
Fridays:- Zumba OASIS Café / Mums & Babes Musical Playtime Allington Community Market Jenny Tai Chi St Nicholas Fellowship Flair School of Dance	9.15am - 11.15am ~ Small Hall 9.30am - 12noon @ Church 2nd 10.00am - 11.00am 12noon - 3.00pm ~ 1st 12.30pm - 1.15pm ~ Small Hall 2.30pm - 4.30pm @ Church 2nd 16.15pm - 18.45pm ~ Small Hall	07999 444045 07951 777854 07901 712510 07747 822898 07985 438296 07917 123087 07713 260452				
Saturdays:- Messy Church / Saturday Club Men's Breakfast Hearty Quilters 1st Allington Rainbows Flair School of Dance Clouds Youth Group Mid Kent Metal Detecting Club	8.30am - 9.30am ~ <i>Last</i> 9.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>Ist</i> 9.00am - 10.00am ~ <i>Small Hall</i> 10.00am - 1.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i> 1.30pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07951 777854 01622 759278 01732 823383 07742 846625 07713 260452 07886 566984 01233 612312				

Sundays:-

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September 2019

1	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Morning Worship
		5.00pm	OASIS in the Afternoon
		6.00pm	JAHFA
2	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
4	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
5	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
8	Sun	9.30am	OASIS
		11.00am	Holy Communion
		12.30pm	Sunday Lunch Club
9	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
10	Tue	7.30pm	Bible Project
11	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
12	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
13	Fri	9.30am	OASIS Café with Mum's and Babes
14	Sat	7.30pm	Jonathan Viera Concert in Church
15	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	OASIS Communion (with Explorers)
16	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
18	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
19	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
		2.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting in Church
21	Sat	11.00am	Messy Church - Jesus 'I Am'
22	Sun	9.30am	OASIS
		11.00am	Holy Communion
23	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
24	Tue	7.30pm	Bible Project
25	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
26	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
29	Sun	8.00am	Benefice Communion St Nicholas
		10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion St Andrew's
30	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer