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## October 2019



**OASIS Harvest  
Parade Service  
Sunday 13th October  
9.30am**

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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.....

Why do we always look to the past? So many people are thinking about last summer, such as holidays and better weather. So much so that they are not embracing the season we are currently in. It is without question a wonderful time of year. The changing colours of the trees and the warm sunshine are so pleasurable.



Many people do not wish to be reminded that Christmas is coming, with their grumbles about the shops preparing earlier each year. Personally, I do not mind as I love Christmas and all that goes with it. But let's not allow those who groan to distract us from the here and now. God intended that we enjoy the seasons and not be concerned about what has gone before or what is to come.

I am of course thinking of harvest time. A time when we not only reflect on the natural produce that adorns our churches at this time of year, but consider everything that we have in our lives for which we need to be thankful. Such contemplation puts us in mind of our responsibilities as Christians. To tell people of our appreciation and to be generous in sharing and caring. Not to take anything, or anyone, for granted.

We lose sight of these things because our need is not as great as it once was. Before globalisation of produce we survived on what we had grown. A poor harvest literally meant starvation. We must seize the opportunity to teach our children these truths and the true values of life. In the USA and Canada this is seen as so important that it is a national holiday.

Above all Christians, and many other faiths, give thanks to God for our provision. Do not worry about these things, but are grateful and considerate of others. We read in Matthew:

*"This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it?"*

So, enjoy the season and all it represents not forgetting to be grateful to God.

**Rev Barry**

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 have returned to the Old Testament to consider the **book of the prophet Isaiah**.

The next sessions will be on **Tuesday evenings, at 7.30pm in church**, as follows;

**OCTOBER 8th & 29th**  
**NOVEMBER 12th**

All are welcome to attend - refreshments will be provided.

**Rev Chris**

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### **Charity of the Month** **Maidstone Winter Shelter**

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter brings together Churches, church members and volunteers in Maidstone. The Shelter works by each of seven venues (six local churches and the Maidstone Day Centre) providing overnight hospitality and accommodation, one night a week for up to 15 guests over a 12 week period during the coldest part of the winter. We are supported by almost 300 volunteers who, each night, set up the Shelter, cook and serve an evening meal and breakfast, provide hospitality and a safe overnight environment to ensure a good night's sleep.

**Your support and donations help us to -**

- Supply equipment such as beds, sleeping bags, blankets and food for guests using the Shelter
- Deliver frontline services to enable the Shelter to happen
- Support partnership working with agencies to ensure a good outcome for guests where possible
- Carry out research as to the causes of homelessness and the most effective means of preventing it





### **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 the September magazine 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 PILGRIMAGE', 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**



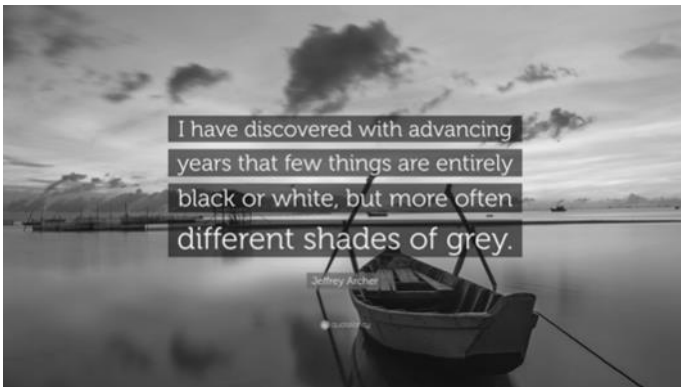


## The Advanced Years

What is the saying? 'The spirits willing but the flesh is weak!  
How true that is when joints begin to creak  
And one's pace is, sadly, rather slow.  
One does not have the same 'get up and go!  
No more pelvic exercises on the floor,  
Or standing on one's head as we did before!  
No turning cartwheels on the grass  
Those olden days are long since past.  
And memory! That can be a trifle dodgy  
As many things become rather foggy!

We rise each day eager to achieve a lot,  
But sadly, the day ends and we have not  
Done those things we were keen to do.  
But let us, far from feeling blue  
See what blessings we can count?  
More than you realise, I have no doubt!  
God's wonderful creation for a start,  
The kindness of friends, family, strangers all play a part,  
And in this age when many are stressed and full of fear  
A wonderful gift we have?!  
Is the LISTENING EAR!!

## Ann Smith





# Christmas Market

07.12.2019

St. Nicholas Church,  
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Crafts | Stalls | Refreshments | Music

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**Another Evening of Music  
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Steve Shorey**

**Saturday 2nd November  
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Maidstone ME16 ODE**

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# HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!!!*

## Going to Uni this Autumn? Or not?

This month thousands of school leavers will be anticipating with excitement the prospect of going on in October to what they insist on calling 'Uni'. School is over, exams have been taken, required grades achieved, courses chosen and now the promised land of fun and freedom and a bit of study lies ahead.

But among them is a minority who, unknown to parents or even themselves, are anxious about it all. Will I settle into a new environment? Will I make friends? Or will I desperately fail my parents and family? Do I really want this?

By the end of the first year most students have come to terms with the highly individual nature of university life. Some will find adjusting difficult. Isolation and loneliness, as we all know, are extremely stressful. If the problems persist then professional help should be sought, perhaps through the university Student Health Team. Unrecognised, or hidden, this anxiety can have serious consequences.

What can parents and family do to identify and help those potentially isolated students? We can make ourselves available on the phone or internet – a familiar voice in a new setting. We can pray for them. We can make sure, on their home visits, that they actually talk about their new life – study, friends and leisure.

Answers may not come readily, but there is one point you can make that helps to put anxieties into perspective. If they have discovered that university life is not for them let them know that they can leave. They have a choice! Many are reluctant to do this because they are aware that parents have largely financed their education, and they have let them down. Assure them that is not so – love is not like that. If 'Uni' is not for them sit down together and look at the options. There is plenty of life outside of Uni! **Parish Pump**



## THE GRACE OF DISCRETION

This phrase was new to me. It came as the title of the second part of writings by the fifth century monk John Cassian. Here he was recalling a long discussion in one of the early monasteries in Egypt.

The leader of the discussion said that first it was important to set out why the Grace of Discretion was so desirable. This had been passed down by the words of the early desert fathers – or senior monks. It had become evident that early pilgrims were in danger of abandoning their faith. They had made or were about to make unwise choices because they did not understand the importance of discretion: This was sent as the Spiritual or God-given strength to make the right choice when a number of alternatives were available.

For instance, some may have chosen the route of fasting. Some had chose very long periods of solitude in a very isolated location, in one instance even refusing to attend Easter Day celebration with other pilgrims. Some may have given a long time to vigils. While others thought that their main need was to study the Psalms or passages from the Gospel. These things may have seemed good in themselves. But not every pilgrim was meant to follow exactly the same path.

Sometimes, the lack of discretion would show itself in more obvious ways. A pilgrim who had earlier given up wealth and worldly goods might be seen arguing fiercely over use of a knife or a fork. Another would often hide a biscuit in his cloak. And another still could have become lukewarm in his faith. What was a low hill for one person to climb could prove to be a mountain to climb for someone else. So a pilgrim without the Grace of Discretion could fall like a leaf from a tree or be like a city without any surrounding wall and be open to influences of a wrong kind.

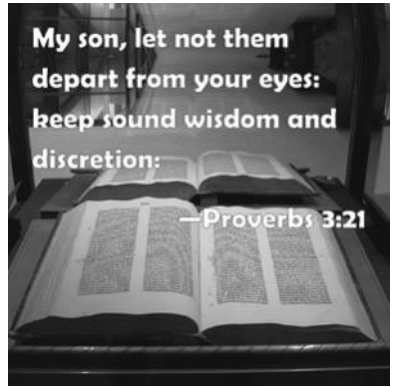
Earlier, St Paul had listed different spiritual gifts given to different people. Some receive a word of wisdom, some have a really deep faith, some have a gift of giving some kind of healing to others. All these works come from the same Holy Spirit of God but different pilgrims would find that they were meant to receive a gift appropriate to them.

One aspect of discretion, both in the New Testament and in the writing of John Cassian, was in relationships with other people. This could have included what is said to others and what others say to a pilgrim. It could have included attitudes and respect. And it could have included how a pilgrim tried to deal with issues that on the surface gave rise to anger or resentment.

In those days the Gift of Discretion might have also been highly sought by the Abbots or leaders of a Christian Community. Christianity had only recently been made legal in the Roman Empire. And although Abbots and

their monasteries were in isolated places away from the pressures of urban life, there was little or nothing yet laid down on how their communities should live out their faith.

So the Grace of Discretion, the God-given ability to make wise choices, was seen to be the mother of all virtues. It was something highly valued. And it could have emerged through being in a community where there were those of greater experience were around.



**Robin Hiam**

**ALLINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET**

**Friday 4th October**

**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**

**ALLINGTON LIBRARY**



**PLEASE NOTE REVISED OPENING HOURS FROM  
30TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed all day</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9am – 1pm</b>	<b>2pm - 5pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am - 1pm</b>	<b>2pm - 5pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>2pm - 5pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am - 1pm</b>	<b>2pm - 5pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9am - 1pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**Rhyme Time – Every Thursday 2.15pm – 2.45pm**

**Talk Time – Every Friday 10am – 11.30am**

## Samaritans - Maidstone

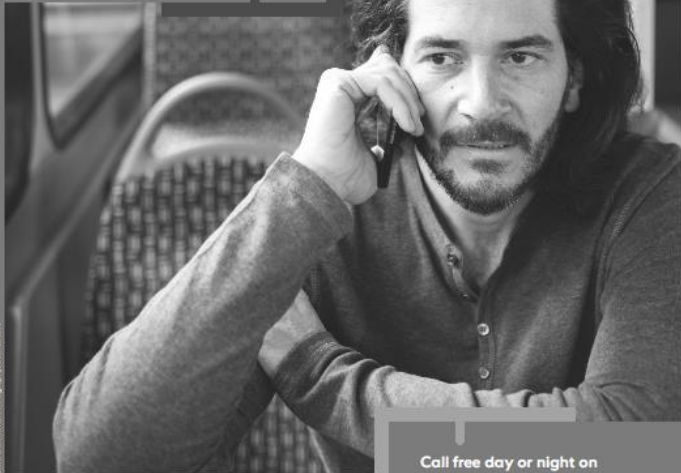
I would like to take this opportunity to say a little bit about the Maidstone branch of Samaritans and the work we do:

Samaritans Vision is that fewer people die by suicide. In the UK and Ireland each day **16** people will take their own life. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 50, with men aged 20-59 at the highest risk.

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hour there will be Samaritans around the country including our branch answering 600 calls for help. There is no typical person who calls Samaritans' helpline. There is no typical problem that people talk to us about. It doesn't matter what kind of problem they have or how big or small

it may seem compared to the problems other people have. What matters to us is how their life is making them feel.

We don't have a magic wand to make people's problems disappear. We know that life can be unbelievably tough...but given the chance, many people are able to find a way through their problems themselves.... our support may help them find their own way forward.

Here in Maidstone we currently have 100 volunteers in our branch who man the phones for 120 hours per week as well as answering emails and text messages from callers and seeing visitors face to face. The fact that we're all volunteers, not paid professionals, is really important. We come from all kinds of backgrounds; we're men and women of all ages. We're trained to listen to people and help them to talk through their worries, troubles and concerns. We have the experience of talking to all kinds of people, each of them different.

Within our branch we have a highly proactive Outreach team who are involved in various programmes from giving talks or training to firms and businesses, going into schools to talk about emotional health, supporting our two local prisons, supporting Mid-Kent College, visiting the local homeless shelter and working with Maidstone leisure centre, the YMCA in Loose and Maidstone United Football Club to raise awareness of our service and to try and reach out in particular to the men in our community. The outreach team do all this in addition to giving their listening hours each week.

On top of all of this we, the volunteers, have to raise all the funds we need to keep the branch open and running. Responding to each caller that contacts us, costs on average £5 and in May we responded to 2160 callers.....which is why we are so grateful to everyone who supports us in any way that they can.

If you would like to become a volunteer with the Maidstone branch.....either as a listening volunteer or as a support volunteer then please contact Marion at

[Maid.Sams.Vol@outlook.com](mailto:Maid.Sams.Vol@outlook.com)

**Sue Christmas**  
**Director**  
**Maidstone & Weald Samaritans**



# Encounter

Evening Worship at St Nicholas Church  
Sunday 13th October 6.30pm



## Youth & Organisations News

### Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The summer is nearly over and we can now look forward to the autumn and winter seasons! A number of MU members from the diocese helped at our 'AFIA Holiday' for families held in West Sussex and we have all been humbled by the great success it turned out to be! I hope to produce a presentation to show you all that transpired early next year at our regular meeting. 'Thank You' to those who prayed for good weather during the week, your prayers were answered!

This month we welcome Emma Tanner to our regular meeting to talk about the local 'Princess Project' and look forward to hearing

about it. Please do come along!

As you may have seen we are also organizing a 'Let's Get Together' evening on Tuesday 15th October to help promote and inform others locally who might be interested in the work that Mothers' Union is doing.

**Chris Cook (01622 670240)**  
Branch Leader



### ALLINGTON CASTLE

Our August social evening was great fun with two quizzes set by Mary and delicious cakes provided by Sandra. At our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October Alison Ellman-Brown will give a talk on "The Strawberry Thief" one of William Morris's most popular fabric



designs. We are going back to the excellent fish and chips restaurant in Dymchurch on 2nd October and possibly a visit to a garden centre before heading home. The competition is an item beginning with C.

**Joyce Foster**

### **ALLINGTON GARDEN CLUB**

On 15th August one of our members opened up their garden for us to look round. It was a really pleasant afternoon, spending time looking and discussing plants, having tea/cake and then a general natter.

Our next meeting is on 3rd October when our talk will be on 'House Plants' with John Negus.

And just a reminder we are having Christmas in November this year.

Visitors are welcome to come to our meetings.

**.Pam Blake**

### **WESTBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB**



I know that you have all been on tenterhooks waiting to hear how our **Maidstone & District Friday Night Triples** team did. If you recall, we were in second place with just a couple of games left. Going into the final match of the season, we needed to win one out of the two simultaneous games we were playing against **Penenden Heath**. I am very pleased to say that we did just that! Subject to final confirmation at the league AGM, we will now be promoted into **Division 3**. Well done to all our players over the course of the season. The **M&D Triples league** is a men-only competition but the ladies do have their own tournaments. **Peasmarsh Bowls Club** recently held

a one-day event which our ladies attended. Not to be outdone by the men and in the face of fierce competition, **our team triumphed** and brought home the winners' shield. Congratulations to them on a magnificent performance.

Talking of **Peasmarsh**, here is a trivia question for you. Which famous celebrity once lived at **Blossom Wood Farm**, Peasmarsh? I will give the answer next month.

And that leads me very neatly onto a plug for our autumn quiz. It is open to all and will be on **Saturday 26th October at the Barming Village Hall** (Heath Road). Doors open at 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start and the cost is £6 per person. You can form a team of between 6 and 8 people with friends or we can accommodate smaller groups who are happy to share a table with others. Our quizzes are always a really fun evening so if you are interested, please contact **Rosemary on 01622 727317**. I can guarantee that the questions will be much easier than the Peasmarsh one because I am one of the question setters!

**Steve Cordery 725650**

**steve@westboroughbowls.co.uk**

**www.westboroughbowls.co.uk**

### **OPEN CIRCLE**

It's been another enjoyable month for reading, though nothing too taxing (well it is the holidays). Having read Robert Galbraith's *Lethal White* with the central characters of Cormoran Strike and Robin Endecott, I realised I'd actually missed the third one in the series so went back to



read *Career of Evil*. All of these novels are very well-written and thoroughly enjoyable and well-worth reserving at the library. *Career of Evil* involves men from Strike's past, all of whom have a reason for hating him and wanting to take revenge on him in particularly gruesome ways. Strike's personal life, intertwining with the murders, makes this another interesting novel.

I went on to read another by David Baldacci, *End Game*, with American government agents, Will Robie and Jessica Reed, involved in a twisted tale of murder and the manufacture of synthetic drugs in a small town called Grand and the search for missing boss Roger Walton. It's a bit of a page-turner, just right as a holiday read. As was Jo Nesbo's *The Son*. This was a cleverly-written novel with the central character, Sonny, a murderer whom you feel sorry for and understand his motivation!

I'm currently reading a very different kind of book, *Lives of Girls and Women*, the only novel written by Alice Munro. I picked it up at the library purely by chance and am enjoying it very much. Written through the eyes of a young girl, Del Jordan, growing up in a small Canadian town, it brings to life the family and small-town events which surround her. The novel won the Man Booker Prize, and Alice Munro is a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Our meetings this month will be on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ring Mar-

garet 672985, or Anne 764063 for venues. Everyone is always welcome.

**Dianne White 756660**

## **ST NICHOLAS FELLOWSHIP**

Those who were unable to attend the September meeting, the first meeting after our summer recess, missed an amusing and interesting presentation by Rev Chris on his 'Camino de Santiago Walk experience. Our sincere thanks to him. We finished the meeting with cups of tea and biscuits.

The next meeting is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Church, and will be a 'Reflection on the Past Year activities of the Fellowship' with Afternoon Tea, please bring a plate of cakes/scones etc.

You will receive a warm welcome at any of our meetings.

**Michael Froude**  
**01622 759098**

## **MID KENT FUSCHIA GROUP**

At our meeting at St Nicholas Church Hall on 14 October our speaker is Steve Bradley. His talk is entitled Autumn in the Garden. Our meetings start at 7.30pm

Non members are always welcome as guests at a nominal charge of £2 each.

**Mary Hart**  
**Secretary**



# Family Quiz Night

Fundraising for Chris Stone's World Challenge  
expedition to Vietnam



Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7.00pm  
£5 per person, tables of up to 8  
(any age welcome)

Bring your own drinks and snacks

**To book, contact Jenny on:**

*menhirs@outlook.com or 07442534148*

St Nicholas Church Main Hall, Allington ME16 0DE

## **WIT & WISDOM**

**St. Nicholas Church Hall**

Poplar Grove, Maidstone

**Saturday 19th October 7.30pm**

Teams of 6-8      £5 a head

*Tea and coffee provided –*

*bring your own drink and nibbles*

**Bookings – 01622 204569**

**In aid of THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**



The  
Children's  
Society

## Coffee and Chat?

We are thinking of setting up a weekly coffee morning on Tuesdays between 10 and 12 am, at the back of Church and using the new kitchen that has now been fitted.

The coffee morning is intended for all; existing church members and those who have no contact with St Nicholas'. It is hoped that it will provide a good social opportunity and that it might be of particular value to those who may live on their own. Many of us have grown up children and know just how busy their lives are. We are often reluctant to make additional demands on them and so this coffee morning may well be a place where we can meet with others; others who we can ask if they know of a good electrician etc. or share any other query or concern.

We hope the coffee morning will add yet another way in which St Nicholas's can be active in its local community – this time by providing a regular, friendly and welcoming place to meet over a cup of coffee. Why should the church do this? Well, not to press gang people to come to church services! Rather, it is one more way in which we can serve others which, after all, is at the heart of the gospel.

Thank you to all who have already expressed an interest in helping with this. There will be a meeting at 10am on Tuesday 24 September at the back of church (over a cup of coffee or tea) to talk about more details. Please come if you have already volunteered to help, if you have any ideas that might be useful, or if you are just interested to hear more.

Hope to see you on 24 September, but if you can't come and have a suggestion, please do contact me.



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Corn

Rain

Mud

Wheat

Abundance

Goodness

Riches

Pumpkins

Marrows

Water

Thankful

Food

Crops

Soften

Carts

Overflow

Praise

Care

Blessing

Meadows

Flocks

## WHERE AND WHEN — ORGANISATIONS IN THE PARISH

### **Mondays:**

Quilting Web	9.30am - 12.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall 2nd,4th,5th</i>	<b>Tel.enquiries</b> 01622 710829
Zumba and Seated Zumba	9.15am - 11.15am	07999 444045
ALLARA Tai Chi	11.30am - 12.30pm	01622 752127
ALLARA Painting	1.30pm - 4.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 759426
ALLARA Kurling	2.00pm - 5.00pm <i>2nd &amp; 4th</i>	01622 686305
Flair School of Dance	4.00pm - 5.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
Flair School of Dance	5.30pm - 6.00pm	07713 260452
2nd Allington Rainbows	4.30pm - 5.30pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	01622 685264
4th Allington Brownies	6.00pm - 7.30pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	01622 686527
Weight Watchers	6.30pm - 8.30pm	07888 740221
Allington Beaver Scouts	6.00pm - 7.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 227254
1st Allington Guides	7.15pm - 8.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 672985

### **Tuesdays:-**

Slimming World	9.45am - 11.45am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 700688
Parent & Toddler Group	9.30am - 11.30am	07527 743438
ALLARA General Meeting	1.00pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>3rd</i>	01622 686305
1st Allington Brownies	5.45pm - 7.30pm	01622 685007
Trefoil Guild	7.00pm onwards ~ <i>Various locations 1st</i>	allingtontgb@btinternet.com
Allington Scouts	7.30pm - 9.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07770 277254
Kettlebridge Clog Dancing	8.00pm - 10.30pm	01622 727147

### **Wednesdays:-**

Zumba	9.15am - 10.15am	07999 444045
Quilting Friends	9.30am - 12.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 1st &amp; 3rd</i>	01622 744170
Quilting Web	9.30am - 12.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 2nd,4th,5th</i>	01622 710829
ALLARA Keep Fit	10.30am - 11.30am	01622 756475
Sandra's Child Friendly Pilates	1.30pm - 2.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07837 783061
Maidstone Dance Academy	3.15pm - 6.15pm	01622 746835
Maidstone Dance Academy	4.00pm - 6.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	01622 746835
2nd Allington Brownies	6.15pm - 7.45pm	01622 753563
Light & Life Christian Fellowship	7.00pm - 8.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 1st,2nd,4th</i>	see Sunday
Allington Castle WI	7.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall 3rd</i>	01622 721170
Maidstone Circle Dance	8.00pm - 10.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 753090

### **Thursdays:-**

ALLARA Committee Meeting	10.00am - 12.00 ~ <i>Small Hall 1st</i>	01622 686305
Creative Art & Textiles	10.00am - 2.00pm ~ <i>Small Hall 3rd</i>	01622 695769
NHS Retirement Fellowship	11.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01622 670240
Sandra's Child Friendly Pilates	1.30pm - 2.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07837 783061
Mothers' Union	2.30pm - 4.30pm @ <i>Church 3rd</i>	01622 670240
Allington Cub Scouts	6.30pm - 8.00pm @ <i>Allington School</i>	07770 227254
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

### **Fridays:-**

Zumba	9.15am - 11.15am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07999 444045
OASIS Café / Mums & Babes	9.30am - 12noon @ <i>Church 2nd</i>	07951 777854
Musical Playtime	10.00am - 11.00am	07901 712510
Allington Community Market	12noon - 3.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	07747 822898
Jenny Tai Chi	12.30pm - 1.15pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07985 438296
St Nicholas Fellowship	2.30pm - 4.30pm @ <i>Church 2nd</i>	07917 123087
Flair School of Dance	16.15pm - 18.45pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452

### **Saturdays:-**

Messy Church / Saturday Club	Once a month as advertised	07951 777854
Men's Breakfast	8.30am - 9.30am ~ <i>Last</i>	01622 759278
Hearty Quilters	9.00am - 1.00pm ~ <i>1st</i>	01732 823383
1st Allington Rainbows	9.00am - 10.00am ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07742 846625
Flair School of Dance	10.00am - 1.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07713 260452
Clouds Youth Group	1.30pm - 4.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	07886 566984
Mid Kent Metal Detecting Club	6.30pm - 10.00pm ~ <i>2nd</i>	01233 612312

### **Sundays:-**

Light & Life Christian Fellowship	11.00am - 1.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	josephanderson111@icloud.com
Light & Life Christian Fellowship	5.30pm - 9.30pm ~ <i>Small Hall</i>	josephanderson111@icloud.com
JAHFA	6.00pm - 7.30pm @ <i>Church 1st</i>	07951 777854

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## October 2019

2	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Mothers' Union
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
3	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
5	Sat	7.00pm	<b>Harvest Supper</b>
6	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Morning Worship
		5.00pm	<b>OASIS in the Afternoon</b>
		6.00pm	<b>JAHFA</b>
7	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
8	Tue	7.30pm	Bible Project
9	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
10	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
11	Fri	9.30am	<b>OASIS Café with Mum's and Babe's</b>
		2.30pm	<b>St Nicholas Fellowship</b>
13	Sun	9.30am	<b>OASIS Harvest Parade</b>
		11.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	<b>ENCOUNTER</b>
14	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
15	Tue	7.30pm	<b>Let's Get Together - Mothers' Union Evening</b>
16	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer
17	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
		2.30pm	<b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b>
19	Sat	11.00am	<b>Messy Church</b>
20	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	<b>OASIS Communion (with Explorers)</b>
21	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
23	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
24	Thur	9.00am	Prayer Space
27	Sun	9.30am	<b>OASIS</b>
		11.00am	Holy Communion
		12.30pm	<b>Sunday Lunch Club</b>
28	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer
29	Tue	7.30pm	<b>Bible Project</b>
30	Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Evening Prayer