

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 8 May 2022



FROM NICHOLAS

Usually after Easter there is a natural lull as we enjoy the remainder of the Easter season. However, as the weather improves and people become more confident, many aspects of our church life are resuming apace, with two baptisms this month, one next, and several weddings in June and July. We also have a number of events including our first ever Teddy Bears' Picnic with Zip Wire from All Saints Tower! Is your bear brave enough? There will also be a shared lunch with the scouts after the service on the Jubilee Weekend.

PARKING AND ACCESS – especially 8 May

Last week saw the resumption of the Car Boot Fair at Anthonys Way. Hopefully, the traffic congestion was a one off, but it was significant and caused difficulties particularly at the Sans Pareil roundabout and on Frindsbury Road. You may wish to bear that in mind and give yourself a bit of extra time.

We have a baptism on Sunday and are setting up for the Zip Wire. Please observe any signage for access, and there may be less parking available on Church Green than usual. Please consider using Parsonage Lane if possible. There will also be another baptism on May 22.

FUNERAL – Anne Wade

Anne Wade's funeral will be held at All Saints, on Friday 27 May at 12 noon. Followed by a burial in the churchyard with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall.

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

HM The Queen has approved the nomination of the Rt Rev Jonathan Gibbs as the next Bishop of Rochester. Bishop Jonathan is currently the Bishop of Huddersfield in the Diocese of Leeds. He also holds the national portfolio of Lead Bishop for Safeguarding, a role he will bring with him into his post as Bishop of Rochester. He will be installed as Bishop of Rochester in September 2022.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC AND ZIPWIRE

Calling all brave teddy bears!

Is your bear brave enough to face the challenge of a zip wire from All Saints Tower?

If so, bring your bear (other animals are allowed!) and join in a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Sunday 8 May 12noon-2.30pm at All Saints Church, Frindsbury. Your bear will receive a certificate.

£2.00 a go - donations towards our tower repairs. Bring your picnic - cakes/ice creams available.



QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

If you would like to join with others making contributions for the Jubilee Craft Project come along to the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 May, Monday 16 May. Materials provided or bring your own!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COFFEE!



PILGRIMS PANTRY Pilgrims Pantry meets every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Tea, coffee and a menu of snacks and light lunches available.

UPCHAT CAFÉ UpChat Café meets on Fridays 10am, at St Philip & St James (*nb not Friday 6 May*)

ZOOMOFFEE Coffee by Zoom takes place on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am. Message the Parish Office for details of how to join in.

LITTLE LIGHTS

All Saints Baby and Toddlers has recommenced as 'Little Lights' on Tuesday afternoons, term time, from 1.00pm. Carers, babies and toddlers meet for play, craft, snacks, songs a short story and a prayer.



UKRAINE FUNDRAISING

Frindsbury Handbell Ringers are holding a concert to fundraise for Ukraine – everyone is welcome to come along on Friday 6 May at 7.00pm to All Saints Parish Hall. Donations on the door.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who returned their stewardship form – if you haven't done so yet, it's not too late! Please bring to church or pass to Nicholas or Sue.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS AND APCM

The meeting for Election of Churchwardens and the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will take place on Sunday 29 May 10.00am at All Saints, Frindsbury. The revision of our Electoral Roll took place from 1- 6 May. The new roll is now published – please check your entry.

Del had given advance notice at the last APCM that this would be his last year as churchwarden. Therefore, there is a vacancy. Whilst churchwardens customarily serve for 3-4 years, they are elected each year, so it is not a 'life sentence'. It is a significant burden for a parish to place the responsibilities on a single warden and so I hope that someone will give consideration to this important role.

ECO CHURCH

As a church we would like to be better stewards of our planet and so we have committed to being part of the Eco Church network and work to become more 'eco-friendly'.

This month's Green Tip is:

Green Tips



Don't throw away your egg shells - break them up and use them in your garden around your vegetables and plants as a safe way to deter slugs!

DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH

Our financial year is coming to a close. It is a year in which we have had to invest a significant sum in the care of our buildings. Unfortunately, our regular giving has dropped and plate offerings at all services have been significantly reduced by not passing the plate around as part of our COVID protection measures.

Donations can be made at our services by cash or cheque in the collection plate, a stewardship envelope or standing order for regular giving please speak to Nicholas, the Churchwardens, Sue Jones or Alison Mings.



We are now also offering this QR code in our printed materials. Scanning the code with the camera on your smart phone will take you to the Give a Little page for our parish. You can choose how much, whether to Gift Aid, and request a receipt.

SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEER ROLE AGREEMENTS

The Church of England Safeguarding Requirements expect all members who have already have a voluntary role in church to complete a Volunteer Agreement. These will start to be sent out to you by email or post. If you need a printed copy, please contact Sue Jones on 01634 296050. Please sign and return within the next week if possible. You will require two referees, and these will be provided by the Church Wardens.

PRAYER CHAIN

Carole Morrad has asked me to remind you that the Prayer Chain are always willing to take prayer requests. If the prayer is not for you then we do ask that you have the permission of the person you are asking us to pray for.

DEMENTIA RESOURCES

At this time, those who live with dementia are understandably disoriented and upset. It has been a difficult and concerning time for their families too. Carole and Annie, our Anna Friends, have gathered some resources which are now available on the website. In particular there are a number of online training and awareness courses available at no cost.

SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES

RELEASE THE PRESSURE - new helpline from Kent County Council

Mental well-being remains a huge concern at this time.

A new phone line is available through Kent County Council, offering 24/7 access to a highly trained and experienced team, to provide expert support no matter what a person is going through. People are encouraged not to suffer in silence and to text the word Kent to 85258 or call the number 0800 107 0160, for free confidential support.

SAFE HAVENS

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment. Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 79503

CONTACT US

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Prayer Diary 8-14 May 2022

“...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” *(Philippians 4:6)*

Prayers from the Church of England to use

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry ...

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Church's Ministry	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
Community	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
People of the Parish	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

Easter 4	Sunday, 8 May
Church's Ministry	<i>Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.</i> Pray for all discerning a vocation
Community	Give thanks for family life and those we hold dear in our hearts, praying for their health, well-being and hope.
People of the parish	Barnets Yard (FW), Neptune Close (MCE) Swinton Avenue (C)
	Monday, 9 May
Church's Ministry	Pray for the work of DEC organisations supporting Ukraine.
Community	Pray for all in education: teachers, support staff and administrators, pupils and students; pray for Wainscott School
People of the parish	Basi Close (FW), Newenden Road (FW), Sword Grove (FW)
	Tuesday, 10 May
Church's Ministry	Pray for our Vicar, Nicholas Cooper, and family
Community	Pray for Pilgrims Pantry, our church café – for those volunteering and those coming along and for Little Lights – our baby and toddler group
People of the parish	Beacon Hill Lane (C), Niven Close (FW), Templers Drive (FW)
	Wednesday, 11 May
Church's Ministry	Give thanks and pray for our churchyard team
Community	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable; pray for those who care for them that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Pray for staff and residents of Frindsbury Hall
People of the parish	Benenden Road (FW), Old George Court (C), Terance Butler Ave(MCE)
	Thursday, 12 May
Church's Ministry	Give thanks and pray for our church musicians
Community	Pray for those in positions of authority making decisions at national and local level
People of the parish	Berwick Way (MCE), Old School Court (C), Thirlmere Close (FW)
	Friday, 13 May
Church's Ministry	Pray for our Readers and Licensed Lay Minister
Community	Pray for all community keyworkers. Pray for all working in our emergency services
People of the parish	Bill Street Road (FW), Olivier Drive (FW), Trident Close (MCE)
	Saturday, 14 May
Church's Ministry	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
Community	On World Fair Trade Day give thanks, and pray, for Fairtrade's contribution to the fight against poverty, exploitation, and climate change.
People of the parish	Bingham Road (FW), Omaha Place (FW), Tudor Grove (C)