

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 4 September 2022



FROM NICHOLAS

Please continue to hold in your prayers those you know in our church family who are unwell. There seem to be a particularly large number at this time. Looking towards the autumns and winter the PCC have already expressed a desire to try to help those who will be struggling with heating and food. We will be meeting in September, and so if you have any ideas please do speak to Nicholas or members of the PCC.

TICKETS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF 108th BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Rochester Cathedral will host a service on Saturday 24th September at 2pm to mark the beginning of The Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs' public ministry in Rochester Diocese. It is a **ticket only** event. Each parish has been asked to nominate up to five representatives in addition to clergy and licensed lay ministers. If you are interested, please let Nicholas / Sue Jones know by **6 September**. Please note that the cathedral cannot offer any parking and, I imagine, parking in Rochester will be in high demand. So, drop offs / pickups and Strood-side parking plus walking are suggested from this parish.



NEW TO FAITH AND OR WANTING TO CONFIRM FAITH

We are starting 'An Introduction to Christian Faith' through the Pilgrim Course in September for 6 weeks. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Sue Jones or Nicholas

The confirmation service previously scheduled for 20 November has unfortunately had to be postponed – a shortage of bishops. For the chess players amongst you I would like to reassure you that they have not been exchanged or sacrificed, merely fianchettoed! We are trying to find an alternative date, probably in the new year. If you are interested in seeking confirmation, please speak to Sue Jones or Nicholas



CHURCHYARD TEAM CELEBRATION

Dave Thomas celebrates 20 years of volunteering on Wednesday 21 September. Come and join this celebration with tea and cake in All Saints Churchyard at 10.00am.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are taking part in the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in Pilgrims' Pantry on **Tuesday 27 September** from 10.30-12noon.

Please support this fundraising event:

- bake a cake if you are able to and please let Judy know
- come along and invite your family and friends.



KENT RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 10th September.

The Kent Ride & Stride gives you a chance to visit many unique historic church buildings, see some beautiful countryside, take some exercise and have fun with your family and friends.

Kent Ride & Stride is part of a national sponsored event in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying towns, cities and the countryside.

On the day of the event all the participating churches are open from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. Cycling is the most popular way of travelling from church to church, but you can walk, run or use public transport or even go by car, horse, scooter or canoe – whatever you choose!

The money raised helps to save historic places of worship for future generations by providing funds for urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities. Each year the event raises over £1 million nationally.

There are 2 ways to get involved:

- Take part in the sponsored event – you can find out how here:
<https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/downloads>
- Offer help stewarding in our churches at Frindsbury and Upnor – it would be good to have people to welcome and offer a drink for the cyclists/walkers.
Please let Sue or Nicholas know – or sign the sheets at the back of church.

ECO CHURCH

HARVEST WEEKEND SATURDAY 8 AND SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

Saturday 8th October at 11am -2pm

Our EcoChurch group is holding a Clothes Swapping event in the church hall on 8th October from 11am to 2pm. Come and swap good quality items from your wardrobe that you no longer wear for something “new to you”.

To take part you need to bring a minimum of 1 item and a maximum of 10. You will get 1 token per item to exchange for something else from the event. Clothes will need to be clean and good quality - no rips, tears, missing buttons, broken zips, stains, no underwear will be accepted. We need ladieswear, menswear, children and babies clothes (can also accept shoes and boots in good condition). We would also like donations of coat hangers for the event and if you have a display rail we could borrow for the event, please let us know.

Did you know?

According to WRAP's 'Valuing our clothes' report:

- * around 30% of clothing in our wardrobes has not been worn for at least a year
- * an estimated £140 million worth (about 350,000 tonnes) of used clothing goes to landfill in the UK each year
- * extending the average life of clothes by just three months would lead to a 5-10% reduction in each of the carbon, water and waste footprints.

What can you do?

Have a look through your clothes and have a look to see if there is anything you don't wear and bring to our Clothes Swap event or donate it to a charity shop.

This month's Green Tip is: Remember your re-usable bag when shopping!



Sunday 9 October



We welcome donations of non perishable food for Medway Foodbank

8.30am Holy Communion BCP at St Philip & St James

10.00am All Age Worship with Parade for Harvest with guest speaker from A Rocha

Followed by Harvest Bring and Share Lunch in the Parish Hall – look out for a sign up sheet in church later this month or speak to Jan.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat/Sun 8/9 October

Friday 21 October

Saturday 25 November

Saturday 3 December

Harvest Weekend (details above)

Quiz Evening in aid of Tearfund (Parish Hall)

Christmas Fayre (Parish Hall) – please let Sue Jones know if you would like to book a stall

7.00pm Medway Band Christmas Concert (All Saints Church)

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.



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

DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH

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 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

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Prayer Diary 4-10 September 2022

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>

Trinity 12	Sunday, 4 September
Church's Ministry	<i>Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</i> Pray for those ordained deacon and priest at Rochester Cathedral yesterday
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	Anthony's Way (MCE), Millpond Close (FW), Spire Way (FW)
	Monday, 5 September
Church's Ministry	Pray for the work of Tearfund, our supported charity, helping the people of Pakistan following the monsoon
Community	Pray for those preparing for a new school, college or university and for teaching and administrative staff returning after the summer break
People of the parish	Ashcroft Road (FW), Moat Lane (U), Station Road (North West) (FW)
	Tuesday, 6 September
Church's Ministry	Pray for Vicar, Nicholas Cooper and family
Community	Pray for Pilgrims Pantry, our church café – for those volunteering and those coming along and for families coming to Little Lights
People of the parish	Ashenden Close (FW), Stonehorse Court (FW)
	Wednesday, 7 September
Church's Ministry	Give thanks, and pray, for serving and verging teams
Community	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable and for those who care for them. Pray for staff and residents of Montgomery Court
People of the parish	Banks Road (FW), Murray Road (FW), Stonehorse Lane (FW)
	Thursday, 8 September
Church's Ministry	Pray for our Area Dean, Rev Dr Mark Borley
Community	Pray for those in positions of authority, making decisions at national and local level.
People of the parish	Barnets Yard (FW), Neptune Close (MCE) Swinton Avenue (C)
	Friday, 9 September
Church's Ministry	Pray for UpChat Café – for those leading and helping and those coming along – for good fellowship and conversation
Community	Pray for NHS and community keyworkers; pray for all social workers and those in social care
People of the parish	Basi Close (FW), Newenden Road (FW), Sword Grove (FW)
	Saturday, 10 September
Church's Ministry	Pray for hospital and hospice chaplains, their teams and patients
Community	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
People of the parish	Beacon Hill Lane (C), Niven Close (FW), Templers Drive (FW)