

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 11 September 2022



FROM NICHOLAS

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen's long reign has offered stability and reassurance to the United Kingdom and far beyond. Her Majesty's commitment and service both to nation and Commonwealth have provided an outstanding example for conduct both in her private life and in the public sphere.

Her Majesty's death will be deeply felt by many, especially those of us who were encouraged and inspired by her Christian faith.

Please do take note of the worship we will be offering over the next fortnight. Please pray for the Royal Family as they grieve the loss of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,



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.



PARISH QUIZ

Parish Hall, Friday 21 October. 7-7.30pm start

£5 a head and tables of 6 - 8

Please bring your own refreshments. There will be a raffle.

Proceeds from the evening will be shared between Medway Foodbank, Pakistan floods appeal and Parish of Frindsbury with Upnor and Chattenden.

To book a table contact the Parish Office pa@allsaintsfrindsbury.org.uk 01634 296050

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Plans are already underway for our Christmas Fayre, Saturday 26 November (Setting up Friday 25 November) - if you would like to be involved in helping on the day and/or planning, an initial meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13 September 10.30am in Pilgrims Pantry. Please speak to Sue Jones if you can come or if you would like to help in some way.

**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

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| Sat/Sun 8/9 October | Harvest Weekend (details above) |
| Friday 21 October, 7.00 for 7.30pm | Quiz Evening in aid of Medway Foodbank, Pakistan Flood Appeal and our Parish (Parish Hall) |
| Sunday 6 November 3.00pm | Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of Loved Ones Departed |
| Saturday 25 November | Christmas Fayre (Parish Hall) – please let Sue Jones know if you would like to book a stall |
| Saturday 3 December | 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

CONTACT US

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Prayer Diary 11-17 September 2022

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| 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> |

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| Trinity 13 | Sunday, 11 September |
| Church's Ministry | A Prayer for the Royal Family <i>O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your son, Jesus Christ, from the valley of death, comfort, we pray, all the Royal Family with your protecting presence. Fill them with your Holy Spirit; and with your heavenly peace; and bring them at the last to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</i> |
| 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 | Benenden Road (FW), Old George Court (C), Terance Butler Ave(MCE) |
| | Monday, 12 September |
| Church's Ministry | Pray for the work of Medway Foodbank and Medway Hygiene Bank -, staff, volunteers and clients |
| Community | Pray for all working in education; pray for staff, pupils and students of Abbey Court School |
| People of the parish | Berwick Way (MCE), Old School Court (C), Thirlmere Close (FW) |
| | Tuesday, 13 September |
| Church's Ministry | Pray for Pioneer Minister, Sue Vallente-Kerr, 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 | Bill Street Road (FW), Olivier Drive (FW), Trident Close (MCE) |
| | Wednesday, 14 September |
| Church's Ministry | Give thanks, and pray, for our welcomers and refreshments teams |
| Community | Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable and for those who care for them. Pray for staff and residents of Ampersand House |
| People of the parish | Bingham Road (FW), Omaha Place (FW), Tudor Grove (C) |
| | Thursday, 15 September |
| Church's Ministry | Pray for deanery churches in interregnum: St Helens Cliffe and St Francis Strood |
| Community | Pray for those in positions of authority, making decisions at national and local level. Pray for local councillors for Strood North and Strood Rural |
| People of the parish | Bogarde Drive (FW), Parsonage Lane (FW), Upchat Road (U) |
| | Friday, 16 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 working in emergency services |
| People of the parish | Brickfield View (FW), Peckham Close (FW), Upnor Road (U) |
| | Saturday, 17 September |
| Church's Ministry | Pray for prison chaplains and thjeir teams |
| Community | Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit |
| People of the parish | Brissenden Close (U), Pemberton Square (FW), Utah Rise (FW) |