

"A living, loving church without walls"

Sunday 27th July 2025



*We welcome everyone to our service
of Morning Prayer and praise this
morning. Please do stay for
refreshments and a chat after the*



*service, and do take this notice sheet home with you to refer to
forthcoming events.*

Today's readings:

The first reading is taken from Genesis, Ch.18, verses 20-32,
starting on page 15 in the Old Testament in the Pew Bibles.

The second reading is taken from Colossians, Ch.2, verses 6-19,
starting on page 215 in the New Testament in the Pew Bibles.

Today's Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom
nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us
your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass
through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Points for your prayers:

We pray that the children and staff of all our schools may
benefit from the Summer holiday and enjoy time with friends and
families wherever they go.

We pray for all those involved in any way with the organisation and running of eight sessions of "Make Lunch" throughout the school Summer holidays.

We pray for all in our parish who are unwell; for all those in hospital and all those who are in long-term care. We ask that you bring healing and relief to those who are suffering, and your love and compassion to all those involved in their care.

Big Clear-Up at St Francis

Many thanks to all who helped with this- we got a lot done in a short time!



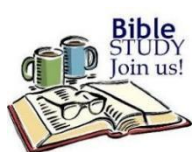
Do you have a birthday or wedding anniversary coming up, please? – It would be good to wish others a Happy Birthday (without ages!)- please do get in touch via the contact details at the end of this newsheet- thank you!



It has been a tradition here that everyone has the opportunity to choose their favourite hymns during August, so do sign up on the sheet (which is on the font) with your favourite hymns or worship songs

TODAY, please, and we will do our best to make sure that they are included during August.

What's happening (or not!) this week...



The Home Bible Study Group has finished for the summer- we will be back on September 3rd, and will be ready to welcome anyone who would like to come along! Likewise, the midweek services of Holy Communion will recommence on Tues 2nd Sept.





Friday 1st August

Choir practice takes place in church from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Next Sunday, 3rd August...



Our service of Holy Communion takes place at 10.00am, at which our Archdeacon, Canon Darren Miller will be preaching- all are very welcome.



Many thanks to all those who came to listen to the *Ashford Invicta Singers* concert at St Mary's in the town centre last Sunday afternoon, which was held in aid of Ignite Christian Care and St Mary's Church. Especial thanks to all who donated the delicious cakes, consumed with cups of tea during the interval!

We are pleased to announce that the concert raised a total of £346, which will be shared equally to support the work of Ignite and St Mary's Church..

What else is coming up?...

Saturday 13th September "Ride and Stride", from 10.00am to 6.00pm, raising money for Friends of Kent Churches (which have been very generous in providing grants to St Mary's Great Chart in the past.)

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Sunday 5th October, with a Harvest Supper the evening before on Saturday 4th October- listen out for further details nearer the time...



Saturday 11th October-

The Village Quiz will be taking place with a delicious pulled pork supper to tantalise your taste buds- more details shortly...



The closing date for copy for the next notice sheet, which will cover the whole of August, is Thursday 31st July at noon. Please email or telephone/text 07547 123275 to leave a message for anything that you would like included – thank you.

We do welcome information about events that are taking place in our community, so do get in touch if you know of something that is happening, then we can try and include it in this newsheet!

And finally...



From Beulah Baptist Church:

“We’d like to thank everyone for coming out for the “Drive-In Worship” last night.

However, we ask the following:

- ***We ask that church members kindly not arrive early to park on the back row.***
- ***We ask you not to recline your seat during the sermon.***
- ***We ask you not to sound your car horns as an “Amen”.***

A Theology student was writing his end of term assignment and accidentally wrote “God will take away our quilt”.

When the professor graded the assignment he wrote “That’s OK; He promised to send another Comforter.”

Composting Toilet at St Mary's Great Chart:

Our composting toilet is intended for light use. Please ensure that after use the toilet lid is closed and the cubicle light turned off – do not adjust the heat settings! Please follow these simple instructions for the toilet to function properly – thank you.

A message from the LLT:

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, both to protect children and vulnerable adults. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lis Webb (lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk). The Local Area Safeguarding Officer is Janet Sullivan (for St Mary's Great Chart). If you have any concerns, please talk with Janet or a member of the clergy.