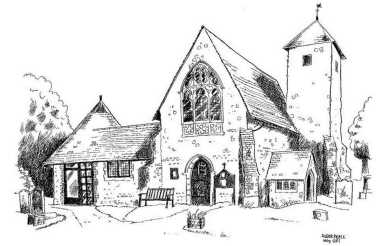


Parish Church of
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Our First Celebration of Holy Communion since Lockdown



Last Sunday it was wonderful to once again be able to share in a celebration of Holy Communion. We were 'full', that is, the new full. This is a picture of some of those in attendance sitting in the balcony. It was a very moving occasion and I had some lovely emails and messages from people telling me how much it had meant to them.

I am so sorry that you must book to be able to attend and that you might not get a place. Please remember that you must phone Angela on her **home number 852513** and that you need to do this each week. I'm also sorry that you cannot book in advance of the week you wish to attend. It is horrible to have to have a set of rules by which you can attend church and it greatly saddens me to have to do this. However our building has to be COVID secure if we wish services to continue and this is the fairest way for all. If Angela is not around, please leave a message and she will get back to you. All names will be listed in the order in which the call is received.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest service will take place on Sunday 4th October at 10am. This year we will collect produce that will be given to the Community Cupboard here in West Kingsdown. Please could you bring any tinned or dried produce to church on either the morning of Sunday 27th September or between 2 and 4pm on Wednesday 30th September. Any fresh produce should be brought to the Rectory on Friday 3rd and can be left in our porch. The church will be decorated with floral arrangements and the produce from the Harvest celebrations that will be taking place in West Kingsdown C of E School as well as donations from our own congregation. The Harvest Display will be left in church until late afternoon on Wednesday 7th October, allowing people to come and visit during the church opening time of 2-4pm. This especially gives an opportunity for those unable to attend the service to come and view our beautiful church.



Fund Raising

Last Saturday afternoon Angela and Roger Beale hosted an afternoon tea, mainly for their neighbours, all socially distanced in their garden of course (this was before the 'Rule of Six' came into being). They asked for donations for their chosen charity, St. Edmunds Church. A fabulous £210 was raised. **Thank you so much Angela and Roger.**

As you are aware we haven't been able to hold any fund raising events this year and so I am extremely grateful to you all for your individual efforts to raise extra money and for your weekly offerings which continue to come in, some now via on-line banking and others of you who have religiously put away your weekly offering since the beginning of lockdown and brought it when you have come to worship. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

There will be **no** Christmas Fayre this year, but we are looking at ways in which we can raise some much-needed funds. **Ann Munro** has kindly offered to make up pots of spring bulbs, please contact her if you would like to order some (**852140**). Watch this space, as they say, more details to follow.

A date for your 2021 diaries – All being well next years Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 12th June between 12 and 4pm

Birthdays

I understand that both **Clive & Judith Yarnold** celebrated their birthdays last week but their names were not on the church list, so belated birthday wishes to you both. This week we wish a very **Happy Birthday** to **Marion Dethridge** on Monday and **Rosemary Gray** on Wednesday. Whatever you do ladies, I hope you have a wonderful day.



APCM

A reminder that because of lockdown our APCM has been rescheduled to take place on **Sunday 11th October 2020 at 11.15am** in church. You do not need to book your place but it would be very useful if you could please phone Angela (851325) and indicate your intention to attend (social distancing still needs to be in place and so knowing numbers is important). **We need to elect the following**

Churchwardens

These are elected each year. Angela Beale is happy to continue to stand, Rosemary Gray is standing down after 10 years of service, which I thank her for (more will be said at the meeting). I have also had an offer from somebody who is willing to stand.

Deanery Synod Representatives

We have space for two representatives on synod who are elected for a three year term.

PCC Representatives

We have nine members on PCC who sit for a term of three years. These members are elected on a rolling programme of re-election with three standing down each year. Once you have served a three year stint you cannot be re-elected for a year.

The **election forms** for church warden, deanery synod and PCC representatives are **available from me**. I will have some with me after church but do contact me if you would like one and I can either email it to you or post it through your door. **If you are interested in standing for any of the vacancies and would like to know what the role involves please contact me.**

The updated Electoral Roll will be posted both at the back of church and on the website from next Sunday 20th September and the **Annual Report & Accounts** from Sunday 27th September. If you are not able to view the website and would like a copy please contact me and I will make sure you receive a hard copy.

Every Blessing Rev Sarah