

Parish Church of
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West Kingsdown



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Togetherness

I thought I would begin my letter this week by sharing with you some of the things that children from our church school, West Kingsdown Primary, have been doing over the past few weeks. This wonderful rainbow collage, in support of the NHS, was made by the children of key workers still attending school, under the supervision of Mrs Brockwell. Isn't it fantastic? At home other children from the school have also been busy making dog toys for Battersea, making beautiful charms and selling them raising money for the NHS and one child has been writing stories for her neighbours and posting them through their doors to cheer them up. Aren't our young people wonderful? They have certainly been living out one of the schools four Christian values - **LOVE**. Part of the school vision statement also asks that each member of the community encourage each other in faith to

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

And they have most certainly been doing that.

Jon Battershill has been keeping in close contact with **Manordene**, our local Nursing home and reports that all is well at the moment. We thank all the staff for caring for the elderly residents with such dedication. Please keep them all in your prayers.

The Community Cupboard is extremely busy. At present three of the trustees are working there at some point each day, Monday through to Friday. Because of the physical size of the hub and the rules of social distancing all other volunteers have had to be stood down for the time being.

Any donations, of food, cleaning materials and baby supplies would be grateful received. If you are able to provide any of the things mentioned please contact the hub using one of the following

Email: communitycupboard19@gmail.com

FB: @thecommunitycupboard19
Twitter: The CommunityCU1
Hub Telephone: 07576 823122

Many congratulations to **the Portobello Inn** on receiving **the Community Hero of the Week Award** for preparing and delivering meals to the more elderly residents of West Kingsdown and the staff at Darent Valley Hospital.

What a community we have here in West Kingsdown!

This week we wish **Madison Powell** a very happy 3rd Birthday. Have a lovely day Madison and maybe Mummy and Daddy would send me a photo of your special day.

Prayer & Worship

I so miss you all and the worship we usually share each week. Sunday just isn't the same but we must hold fast to the fact that Jesus is with us wherever we are (see my reflection in this weeks Sunday Worship sheet)

I am attaching an updated Prayer List. This list is not only for those that are sick but for any situation that you would like held in prayer, please do contact me by phone or email if you want a person or situation added to the list. Jon Battershill has also suggested that parishioners might like to support each other, by writing prayers that we could include each week, which is a wonderful way of sharing together. Again these can be emailed to me or if you are not able to do this please write them out, ring me to let me know they need picking up, then leave them on your doorstep for collection. Jons' prayer will be at the end of this letter. What a wonderful collection of prayers we could end up with and what a wonderful way of connecting us as a praying community.

A reminder to you of the various worship resources you might like to access

For those with access to the internet – visit the diocesan website www.rochester.anglican.org/resources or www.rochestercathedral.org/worship-online and read the Beacon of Hope stories that are posted there two or three times a week. Also share in Choral Evensong pre-recorded before the social distancing rules came into place. On the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org at 9am each Sunday morning you can share in a virtual service. This service can also be listened to on BCC Radio.

For those without internet access there are two services on BBC 1 television on a Sunday, Sunday Worship at 10.15am and Songs of Praise at 1.15pm.

I hope that some of you are continuing to use the Morning Prayer for Easter. I focus on you as I pray each morning at around 9.30am. I also attach a liturgy for this Sunday which includes a reflection on this weeks gospel. Those of you on internet should receive an audio version of the reflection.

With every blessing **Rev Sarah**

A prayer to share Jon Battershill

Emmanuel, God is with you when you are afraid to go out to the shops, or nervous of a neighbour who's been ill recently. God is with you through the anxiety and nervousness and through the Red sea and out to a promised land. Amen