

Parish Church of
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West Kingsdown



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Dear Friends

It's lovely to be back with you after a weeks leave which was spent, in the main, at our house in Westgate-on-Sea. We were blessed with some beautiful weather and were able to spend time on the beach and going for some leisurely walks. I came back feeling quite rested, but I have to say things have been full on since my return to work.

The weather has continued to be kind and I hope it has brought some cheer to those feeling fed up with the wet grey days we were having.

Going Forward

Today there have been hints that with the increase in the numbers testing positive with the Delta variant the 21st June may not see the end of all restrictions. However frustrating this may seem we must bear with it because it would be extremely sad to undo all the good that has been done in the past few months.

Having spoken with the wardens there are several small changes that we are going to begin to make over the next couple of weeks. From 27th June Hymn Books and Bibles will be back in the pews and a new order of service will not be produced each week. We will go back to using the same order of the Eucharist for ordinary time each week. The books will only be handled on a Sunday and then not used again for another week. Research has also shown that the virus is rarely passed on via a surface.

I am also looking to reintroducing producing a weekly pew sheet instead of a Newsletter. Sadly, as more and more things are being reintroduced the diary is quickly filling up and however much I would like to, I just do not have enough time to continue to produce these things on a weekly basis. We are looking in to how we might be able to continue to distribute the pew sheet each week to those unable to attend worship.

I am hoping that before too long there will be no need to book to come to Sunday worship.

Other than what has been mentioned above I am waiting to hear what Boris Johnson has to say tomorrow before I make any other decisions.

Prayer and Worship

We have encountered a number of problems trying to access the internet in church and are trying to sort this out. Therefore, there will be no more links via ZOOM for the time being. Please remember to book your place for next Sunday's worship 19th June. **This week you will need to phone Mike Wesley on 01474 853653 to book your place.** If you haven't yet felt able to come back to church, for whatever reason, it would be lovely to see you.

Morning Prayer

This week Morning Prayer will be said in church on **Tuesday 15th at 9.30am, Wednesday 16th at 9.30am, Thursday 17th at 9am, Friday 18th at 9.30am and Saturday 19th at 9.30am.**

You only need to book for the Sunday Service.

Morning Prayer Readings

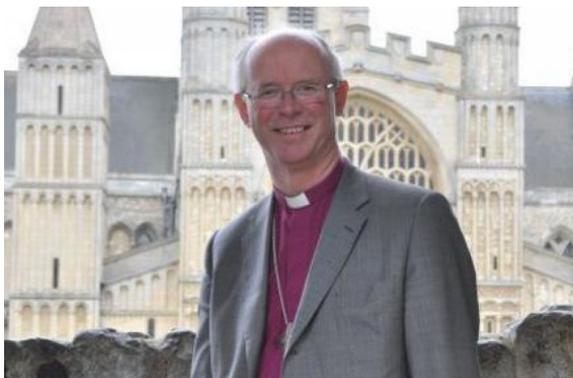
Date	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
13.06.21	42, 43	Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1	Acts 23:12-35
14.06.21	44	Job ch 19	Romans 9:1-18
15.06.21	48, 52	Job Ch 21	Romans 9:19-end
16.06.21	119:57-80	Job Ch 22	Romans 10:1-10
17.06.21	56, 57	Job ch 23	Romans 10:11-end
18.06.21	51, 54	Job Ch 24	Romans 11:1-12
19.06.21	68	Job Chs 25 & 26	Romans 11:13-24

Church Open for Private Prayer

The church will continue to be open on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, for Private Prayer.

David Diboll R.I.P.

This week we heard the very sad news of the sudden and unexpected death of David Diboll. David was a lifelong resident of West Kingsdown and did many different jobs within the community. He could put his hand to many things and in recent months carved new gate posts for the gates at both ends of the church path. The ones at the Lytch gate end are waiting to be put in. David's knowledge of Church Woods was immense. He was a regular member of the Baptist church. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Bishop James

Thank you to those who contributed to the collection for Bishop James' retirement. We will be sending £50 from the congregation of St. Edmunds.

Due to COVID restrictions Bishop James has not been able to say many good-byes in person and so parishes were

asked to produce a short video. We have produced one to say our goodbyes to him. Thank you to those that took part.

Archdeacon of Tonbridge

Congratulations to Archdeacon Julie who has been appointed as the Bishop of Birkenhead in the diocese of Chester. She will be ordained bishop on the 19th July. During the time of vacancy Archdeacon Paul Wright, the archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley will have oversight of the parishes in Shoreham Deanery.

Community Cupboard



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Email: communitycupboard19@gmail.com
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I know that many of you have been taking food and toiletries to the Community Cupboard throughout the pandemic. Thank you so much. There is now a box at the back of church for you to pop any goodies into and we will make sure these get taken to the foodbank each week.

Summer Fair

Thank you so much to all those who have responded to Don's message about the Summer Fair. Volunteers are still needed to help and general donations for the stalls required. Please give Don a ring if you can help, (it will make him a very happy man) and place any donations in the box at the back of church.

Churchyard Maintenance Morning

This Thursday, 17th June there will be a churchyard work party from 9.30-11.30am. Please do come along and help for as little or as long as you can spare. It will be great to see you. If you are able, please bring your own tools with you. Look forward to seeing you there.

Birthdays



We have just one lovely lady celebrating her birthday this week. A very **Happy birthday** to **Heather Waddington** on the 18th June. I hope you have a wonderful day Heather.

Coronavirus Quilt Update

We have had some more amazing squares given in and we are slowly getting nearer to the 100 decorated squares needed. Thank you all so much. Please keep the squares coming in. Geraldine has a number of plain knitted squares that need decorating. If you are able to help her with this, please contact her on 01474 852201.

Have a good week

Every Blessing Rev Sarah