

"A living, loving church without walls"
Notices for Sunday 3rd July, Pentecost 4

We welcome everyone to our service of Holy Communion today, which is being taken by Rev. Cathie Aldis-Saunders

The readings for today are taken from the book of Psalms, Psalm 145, verses 1-13, then Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 4 to 9

The collect for today:

*God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world in this moment of crisis, that we may reach out in solidarity to all those in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Janet Thompson is still receiving donations for the **Ukrainian Appeal**, including children's backpacks- there is a list of items that are needed for those in Ukraine on the table near the font- if you are able to contribute towards this appeal in any way, please do so- it will be much appreciated!

Points for your prayers and dates for your diaries this week:

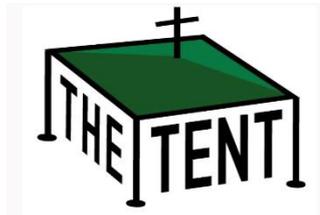
Monday 4th July: The Local Leadership team meet at 12.30pm in church

Tuesday 5th July: Midweek Communion at St Francis at 12.00 noon; if you are able to, why not take some time out and come along to this service?

Thursday 7th July: Cathie is leading Collective Worship (Assembly) at the John Wesley CEM School.

Later in the day the Ashford PCC meet at 7.30pm in Christ Church Hall.

Sunday 10th July: Cathie is the Chaplain at the Kent County Show.



The Tent at St Francis Church- this is an informal worship gathering, giving relaxed space to pray and to worship and encounter the power and presence of the Lord. It will take place next Sunday evening in St

Francis' Church, Cryol Road. The service is open to all- we look forward to seeing you. Refreshments are available from 6.00pm onwards, with worship beginning at 6.30pm

A message from Chris Grove:

WANTED: Someone to look after the boiler and church heating.

This involves setting the timer on the boiler for services, arranging for an annual service of the boiler, dipping the tank periodically to ensure we do not run out of oil, and asking the Parish Office to order more oil when necessary. Not usually a very onerous task, but one I would like to pass on before the next heating season. Please get in touch with me if you feel you could manage this. I am happy to offer advice if needed!

Birthdays in June...



Many congratulations to Effie Devenish, who will be 90 on Wednesday, and also to Dave and Mary Miller who have recently celebrated 50-something years of marriage- our love and best wishes to you all. (There will be a Birthday Cake to share over coffee/tea at the end of this morning's service for anyone who has had a birthday or special celebration in June.) Do you (or anyone else that you know at Great Chart) have a birthday or wedding anniversary in July, please? - it would be good to wish folk a Happy Birthday (without ages!) in this newsheet- please do get in touch via the contact details at the end of this newsheet- thank you! Next Birthday Cake- 7th August! Crumbs!

You may have noticed that the tapestry is now rehung in church, below the tower window. This took place on Thursday and has required many weeks of painstaking work. The cost of the restoration was met by the trustees of Godinton House, to whom we are

immensely grateful. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved with this project, especially Derek Goodwin for his hard work in getting this underway. Do take the opportunity to enjoy this fantastic work of art!



We look forward to welcoming everyone to our

Flower & Mouse Festival

to be held here in St Mary's Church over the weekend
16th & 17th July

*One way in which you can help with this venture is to **SPONSOR A FLORAL DISPLAY** - perhaps in memory of a loved one. Each display will have a small card showing the name of the sponsor or of your loved one. Please give your sponsor money and what you want to say on the card to any member of the fundraising team or to Cathie before you leave church today- thank you.*

In addition, there will be a **multiplicity** of **marvellous musicians** providing a **mixture** of **many magnificent musical melodies** to **make** your visit to the Flower and Mouse Festival **more memorable**, both from our church and elsewhere (including our very own Tim Wilson on the Saturday morning!).



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 now on the font) with your favourite hymns or worship songs as soon as possible, and we will do our best to make sure that they are included during August.



Lunchtime Recital-
"Mostly Violin & Viola"
with Sally Lees and Bryan Gipps
Wednesday 13th July at 1.00pm
St Mary's Church in Ashford town centre,
Minimum donation of £1.00



Little Squeakers Baby and Toddler group is a group for parents and carers to attend with their children aged 0-4. We run every Wednesday during term time from 10.00am-11.30am at St Francis Church Hall, Cryol Road. Between 10.00am and 11.00am we have free play with a lovely range of toys. At 11.00am we tidy up and sit down with the children for a snack. After that we have song time. We ask for a £1 donation for the first child and 50p for any additional children. If you would like to volunteer at Little Squeakers serving refreshments for the parents/carers and to prepare the snack, or help with setting up and tidying away, we would be very grateful. Our last session before the summer will be Wednesday 20th July, when we will have a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

- Next week's worship here at St Mary's Great Chart will be our service of Informal Worship, starting at 10.00am***

To see what's happening in the rest of the parish, "Good News for Ashford" is usually published via email each Friday from the Parish Office; to get on the mailing list just type in info@ashfordchurches.co.uk

Libby Varley is our church administrator and can be contacted by phone: [01233 620433](tel:01233620433) or [07583 418386](tel:07583418386), Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm, or by email on libby.varley@ashfordchurches.co.uk

Please do take this noticesheet home with you. It is also published on our website in full colour- just click on the link!

If you have anything that you'd like included, please email me, Tony Shaw at tony.shaw53@hotmail.co.uk , or phone 01233 634355 (leaving a short message on the answerphone if there's no reply) at the latest by Thursday of each week, please.

Next Notice Sheet: Sunday 10th July