



Pilgrim News



Sunday 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Welcome - A warm welcome to our services today. If you are new or visiting please introduce yourself and also fill in a 'Welcome to St Mary's Card', giving it to one of the welcome team.

Psalm - Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken. *Psalm 62:1-2*

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11

11.00am Morning Worship – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11

4.30pm Evening Worship at **Woodlands Church**

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A Prayer for World Peace

Almighty God, we pray for peace in our world, for an end to war and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Please Pray For ...

- Ukraine
- God's World: Cambodia
- Rochester: Tunbridge Wells Deanery
- The Bereaved: The families & friends of the recently bereaved



Diocesan Calendar of Intercessions

March - April 2024 available online:

For the latest Diocesan News

Visit - <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/>



Regular Weekly Events

Monday

9.45am Open Door – St Edith Hall

Tuesday

2.00pm Craft Group – Kemsing Library

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice at Kemsing Church

Wednesday

12.15pm Lunch Club – St Edith Small Hall

Thursday - Maundy Thursday

2.30pm Kemsing Primary School Easter Celebration, in Church

7.45pm Holy Communion

Friday - Good Friday

10.00am All Age Worship - Kemsing Church

11.00am Open Air Service on Green Hill, at the Cross, followed by hot cross buns in Kemsing church

2.00pm Reflection and Music in Kemsing Church

➤ ***Clocks go forward 1 hour, on 31st March***



Services Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday

7.30am Open Air Service at Green Hill – John 20:1-18

10.00am United All Age Worship – Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12

Diary (Looking ahead)

Maundy Thursday: Chrism Eucharist, Thursday 28 March

This annual service is at 10:30am in Rochester Cathedral, to which Bishop Jonathan and Bishop Simon extend an open invitation to all.

Electoral Roll

The annual revision (update) of the Parish Electoral Roll legally runs from 31 March until **13 April 2024**. Application Forms are available in Church. Please remember to return your Forms to Nina Holley by this date. You can leave in church or post to: Crowdleham Court, Heaverham Road, Kent TN15 6NG. Thank You.

Sunday 28 April – Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual meetings will take place on **Sunday 28 April at 11.00am** in St Mary's Church. Put this date in your diaries as it's important that as many people as possible attend. Also prayerfully consider what ministry you think that God might be calling you to share in....

Musical Minstrels Concert - Sunday 5th May at 4.00pm

This will be a special event with Vicky Penwarden and friends performing songs from the musicals (with actions). Starting at 4pm, with an interval for refreshments, it will be finished by 6pm so suitable for the whole family. A great afternoon, so save the date. Tickets will be available shortly.

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Lent Sermons and Studies

Everyone is encouraged to respond to the recent Lent Course, '*completely4giving – responding to God's love*', as this will be linked to the new 'Shared Vision' as plans are made for the future of the Parish. There is a Box in Church for you to return your 'Skills/Time Response Sheet', 'Gift Aid Declaration' and 'Standing Order Tear Off Reply Slip' in the Response Envelopes by **Sunday 5 May 2024**. For more information, please speak to Mike L. Many thanks.

Stepping into 2024, Kemsing Garden Trail: 8–9 June

A joint venture with Kemsing Gardener's Society, save the dates and plan to sign up and join in. A letter and submission form now available in Church for you to respond to if you would like to open your Garden. More information from Mike L



Other Notices

Planned New Vicarage and Church Hall – *Latest Update*

The **Planning Appeal Inspector visited the Church, Hall, and proposed Vicarage site on Thursday 8 February**. Please continue to pray for those who are making pivotal decisions, including ongoing discussions with the Diocesan Secretary, Finance Director, and Archdeacon of Tonbridge, relating to the possible outcomes of the Planning Appeal and completion of the Church Hall. Many thanks. *Mike*

Craft Group Wool appeal

The craft group are getting desperate! We have exhausted all our wool supplies. I know we have appealed before but if you can find any more or could ask your friends and neighbours we would be most grateful. We also accept items that you have started and decided you will never finish and we will make good use of it. It can be left at the library or ring Pam Burrige on 01732 761676 or Jane Webb on 01959 522256.



Payaz Digital Giving Station – In Church

Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, we now have a new 'Digital Giving Station' installed at the back of Church, which enables 'Card' Donations to be made simply and easily. This is particularly useful for visitors to the church as well as regular members of the congregations. Feel free to try it out! More information from our Churchwardens, Peter and Trevor.

Offertory – Weekly Collection

For the work and ministry of Kemsing and Woodlands Parish there is a plate by the main door of the church. Donation and Gift Aid Forms and Envelopes are also available. Thank you for your prayerful response.



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We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can increase your financial support for the Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Since registering, we have raised **£361.61**. All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. Please refer to Notice Boards and sign up. Thank You.

Children Society Boxes

Thank you for the continued support for The Children's Society. I am pleased to let you know that this year we have raised an amazing amount of £713.48. If you would like a box please contact Bridget Wolfe on 07882435298.

The Well Magazine – *Distribution help needed*

Help is required to distribute The Well Magazine to the following roads: **Wulfred Way, St Edith Court and St Edith Road**, four times a year. If you are able to help, please contact the Church Office 01732 761351.

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