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**with news from Woodlands**



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# **Christmas Services at Kemsing Church**

**Join us over Christmas as we  
celebrate the birth of Jesus!**

## **Sun 18th December**

7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

## **Sat 24th December (Christmas Eve)**

2.00 pm Crib Service for Tiny Tots

3.45 pm Crib Service

then Carols at the Well

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

## **Sun 25th December (Christmas Day)**

9.30 am Family Communion Service

“... for your sake he became poor,  
so that you through his poverty might become rich”

# Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends  
Don't trust opinion polls!

That's one of the abiding lessons from 2016. It all started with Leicester City winning the Premier League. Then there was Brexit. Then Donald Trump.



Please note, I'm not here expressing an opinion about any of those events. I have my views, and they're mostly pretty nuanced, but here I'm simply remarking how wrong the polls were. Time and again we've seen events unfold that everyone had said simply were not going to happen.

We've learnt our lesson. Until the next general election, when the media will fill our timelines with the latest poll results and we'll lap them up, forgetting 2016.

If we look at what is likely to happen, what's believable, we'd never sign up for the Christmas story. We live in a world that is broken. Pain and sadness is never far away. Much of it is self-inflicted, as we human beings act selfishly in ways that hurt ourselves, hurt others, or damage the planet. God had a plan to step in, to heal our broken world, to put things back together, to offer the chance to put our lives back on track as well.

When the day came to put his plan into operation, it all started with the birth of a baby in the small town of Bethlehem. In a stable. The first people to hear the news were a group of shepherds, social nobodies. That baby would save the world, but his crowning moment would be when he was executed for blasphemy and treason.

If you consulted the opinion polls of their day, nobody back then would have said that the baby would be our rescuer, and the High King of heaven and earth. It would seem utterly improbable that he'd launch a worldwide movement that's still growing 2000 years later. Yet against all the odds, that's exactly what's happening.

Even in our own day, Jesus the king seems implausible, impossible. In 1882, Nietzsche pronounced God "dead", and there have been no shortage of commentators since to repeat his words.

Which will we believe? The polls, that announce that Jesus-born-as-a-baby couldn't possibly be God's rescue and the place to pin our hopes? Or the angels, who sang of peace on earth and glory to God as the events began to unfold.

Why not join us for one of our Christmas services this year? Celebrate what you know to be true, or suspend scepticism for just enough time to get caught up in the delight of a story that would be the best ever news if it were true.



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The Parish Office is now in the St Edith Club, and will usually be open on 4 mornings a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Answer phone at other times is 01732 761351. Ring first to make sure Anita, our Parish Administrator, is there. The Parish Administrator's email address is: administrator@kemsingwithwoodlands.org

**Apart from 5th Sunday, the pattern of services is as follows:**

- 08.00 Communion in traditional language
- 09.15 Sung Communion service (followed by coffee in the Church)
- 10.30 Morning Service (with coffee in the Church beforehand)  
Sunday Special in the Vestries on every Sunday **apart from 1st Sunday of the month which is the 'All-Age' service.**
- 18.30 Evening Service (Evensong twice a month, a number of other formats twice a month)

**The service pattern on the 5th Sunday will be:**

- 08.00 BCP Matins
- 10.00 Combined service with Woodlands at Kemsing
- 18.30 Evensong

**Christmas Services at St Mary's, Kemsing, are as shown on page 3.**

**Woodlands Christmas Services are given on page 7.**

**Please note that the High Street, Kemsing, will be closed on Christmas Eve for the Carol & Crib Service from 4.15pm.**

**SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands**

1st Sunday	4.30	Evening Praise
2nd Sunday	11.30	Morning Praise
3rd Sunday	4.30	The Lord's Supper [Informal Communion]
4th Sunday	11.30	Holy Communion
5th Sunday	10.00	Combined Informal Communion Service for both Churches, usually to be held in Kemsing

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### The Lunch Club

Meets every Thursday, details from Anne Shelley, 01959 522986.



### Christmas Services - December

- Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service, **4.30pm**
- Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> – Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, **4.30pm**, followed by seasonal refreshments
- Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> Candlelit Crib Service, **5.30pm**, Christmas tea party to follow
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> – **CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION, 11am**

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



## Christmas & New Year at the Mote

Visit Ightham Mote as it celebrates Christmas traditions old and new this year. Enter via the grand West bridge, to the ground floor of the house which is dressed for a Victorian and 1950s American Christmas. Join some of the guests and the servants as they prepare the feast for the guests in the Great Hall - find out what the butler is doing in his pantry and what the housekeeper has been up to as characters return from the past to entertain the visitors. Visitors can also **play on the Victorian billiards table** on selected dates.

**Christmas in the house will slowly be revealed weekends in November, with our grand opening and Christmas market on 26 – 27 November 11am-3pm, in the Victorian Farmyard – with Father Christmas all weekend – and meet his reindeer on Sunday 11am-2pm.** With a winter activity pack for children available from Visitor Reception. Ground floor of the house open, with Gift Shop & Mote Café open daily 10am – 3.30pm house open from 11am – 3pm, last house entry 2.30pm. **Special winter half price admission prices apply.**

## ‘New Year, New You’ Volunteering at the Mote

After a very busy year at Ightham Mote this year, we’re looking ahead to our new exciting season in 2017. We will have a new Singer Sargent exhibition in the house and plenty of new events and activities planned to entertain our visitors. Traditionally, the New Year is a time to make promises to ourselves to try something different, to make a change or take a positive step forward. So why not make your resolution to join us as a volunteer in 2017?

Volunteering can be a great way to meet new people and learn a new skill and you’ll be volunteering in beautiful, idyllic surroundings, giving something back to both your local community and to charity. And there’s lots of different ways you can get involved. From Room Guiding in the house, sharing the property’s history with our visitors, to leading outdoor tours of our historic gardens, helping in the shop or welcoming our visitors at reception - there’s something for everyone. Why not make good on that promise to try something new and give volunteering at the Mote a go? We’d love to hear from you. **Call 01732 810378, extension 130, or email [iain.sanders@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:iain.sanders@nationaltrust.org.uk). Or visit our website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote/features/our-volunteers-are-just-like-you>**



## NEWS and NOTES

**K**emsing Heritage Centre. We are fortunate to have in the village the Kemsing Heritage Centre. It is a valuable resource for everyone in the village and outsiders as well, as it contains artefacts, records, memorabilia, maps etc., all of which are readily accessible.

However, it does strongly rely on voluntary support and co-ordination by a group of Trustees. A vacancy has now arisen for a replacement Trustee and if anyone is interested in taking on this not very onerous duty, please contact Erica Cole on 01732 761772.

Also as a good 'stocking filler' for Christmas, Monty Parkin's book 'A Village Remembered' can be purchased from the Heritage Centre at the reduced price of £5. The Centre is open every Monday afternoon between 2pm and 4 pm and on the first Saturday of each month between 10am and 12 Noon.

**T**he next of our series of 100th anniversary remembrances of those killed during World War One will take place on Tuesday February 7th 2017 at 2pm when we shall remember William Owen Jarvis Winter whose family kept The Wheatsheaf. The next will follow only 3 days later on Friday February 10th again at the War Memorial at 2pm when we shall remember William Thomas Reed. Sadly these events become more frequent as the 100th Anniversary of the dreadful battles of the First War continue on their sad way. Please do come along to hear a little about the life of the man whom we are remembering. Each event lasts only a few minutes.

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The Good News is that, since our last report, we have had a kind offer to examine the PCC's Annual Accounts, so one less worry.

The Church's sound system has had a complete overhaul, and is now working much more efficiently, so everyone should be able to hear better.

162 Christmas Shoeboxes were collected which was a superb effort on behalf of the village, thank you to everyone who contributed (see centre page for photographs).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has asked the PCC for permission to put up a special notice commemorating three graves in our churchyard (there are actually 4 altogether).

The weekday Evening Prayer Service will be held at 4pm during the winter months, from the time the clocks are put back, until March when it will again be at 5pm after the clocks go forward.

Sunday Special is held in the School at present, and more helpers would be welcome. Contact Ruth Mason on 01959 524486. We now have 28 children on our roll, with about 18 regular attendees in three age groups.

The Thursday services at The Dynes are continuing, and Evensong will be held there on the first Sunday in every month (except 1st January).

There is no good news to date about the Appeal against the refusal by Sevenoaks District Council to allow the new Vicarage and Church Hall joint application. There seems to be a big dark hole in the planning system where applications and planning officials disappear. (That last comment is my personal feeling, not necessarily the PCC's!)

*Rosemary Banister,  
PCC Secretary.*

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**Parish Councillor resignation** - I am sad to report the resignation of one of our long-standing Parish Councillors, Godfrey Croughton, who has decided to step down as a Parish Councillor after 47 years' service to our community. A Sevenoaks Councillor for a number of years, Godfrey's valuable and respected contribution to the Council will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Council I would like thank Godfrey for his dedication and commitment to Kemsing, and all good wishes for the future to him and Janet. See also page 26.

**Parking** –Inconsiderate parking practices are becoming a daily phenomenon throughout the village. Our residential roads are in some instances too narrow and the number of cars has increased over the years; plus the increased size of a family car. As a result, sufficient parking space for everyone is a constant problem. Parking on roads and pavements, and in particular at road junctions, causes unnecessary potential dangers for other road users. The Parish Council urges residents to take into consideration other road users when parking, and to please take note of parking restrictions and the parking advice in the Highway Code 217 & 218. We would also like to remind residents to make use of the Village Car Park whenever possible.

**Richard Neame Local Wildlife Sites Award 2016** – This award is given to nominated landowners owning or managing Local Wildlife Sites to recognise their contribution to land management for the benefit of wildlife and biodiversity. I am delighted to report that the Parish Council received a GOLD certificate and was "*commended for the management of a mosaic of habitats with excellence in habitat work and engagement*" for work on the Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve.

**Parish Council meetings:** 18 January, 15 February, 15 March, 19 April 2017  
**Annual Parish Meeting: 22 March 2017**

Thank you to our Parish Councillors for their commitment, dedication, hard work and for giving their time so freely to the village. They represent our residents in making many, often very difficult decisions affecting Kemsing to ensure that our village is a pleasant place to live and work in. **We wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

*Yolanda Tredoux (Parish Clerk)*



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## MEMORIES OF NORNA MUNSON

Norna was elected as one of our two Sevenoaks District Councillors in May 1995, as a Liberal Democrat representative, together with Dorothy Killbery. It was a new regime as that was the election which ousted the Conservatives from the majority on Sevenoaks District Council. Dorothy was not a local resident, but Norna was very much a Kemsing person, who always supported the village whenever she could, and regularly attended Parish Council meetings.

In 1997, Norna and Dorothy both were instrumental in persuading Sevenoaks District Council to purchase the land between Otford and Kemsing, which was then locally named “Keddies Field”. This was an important green wedge which the owners wanted to sell, and was in danger of being developed. Both Parish Councils felt it should be protected, and our two District Councillors managed to persuade the SDC Leisure Committee to recommend that SDC should acquire the land ‘for amenity purposes’. Luckily this was approved, and Oxenhill Meadow & Shaw, as we now know them, have been amenity land for public enjoyment ever since.

In the year of celebrations for the Millenium leading up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, there was a Millenium Picnic jointly with Otford Parish Council on Oxenhill Meadow. Norna was still one of our District Councillors, and can be seen in the photo above. It was a lovely day by the way. Not so unfortunately for the village party on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000, if I remember rightly, when it rained and there was quite a mist on Green Hill where the bonfire was to be lit. A long time member of the W.I. of both Otford and Kemsing, Norna was always a bright, sunny, person, who had a fund of stories to make you smile, and one of our Kemsing people who will always be remembered.

*Rosemary Banister*





Once again, St. Mary's keenly supported the **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox appeal.



**1st Kemsing Brownies** at the PGL Centre at Windy Hill. They swung, crawled, fenced, and did other things they didn't think they could. Oh, and they had a





Some of the boxes can be seen above and on the left. The final number of completed shoe boxes was 162. A marvellous result! Thanks to everyone who contributed.



spent a weekend at Mill Hill They climbed, jumped and did a lot of things they could do.

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## WHO IS THIS?



**M**argaret Watson (shown here) is just one of the many ‘speakers’ to visit Kemsing WI. No doubt you think of harp music as being gentle haunting melodies. Margaret soon dispelled that myth, she played, Pop, Big Band music, songs from musicals as well as Folk songs and classical music. We’ve had a speaker telling us how tea is grown, dried and blended and another explained how being a sufferer of ‘Face Blindness’ affected her life.

In 2017 the young woman who was in overall charge of making the lace for the Duchess of Cambridge’s wedding dress is coming to tell us how the dress was designed and made. She has also agreed to run a workshop for us where she will show us how to make Mini Gold work brooches or a Needle Lavender Heart scissor keeper.

Many think the WI membership is made up of middle aged and middle class women who spend most of their time making jam and singing Jerusalem. That is definitely not the case. In the 18 years I have been a member of Kemsing WI, I have only sung Jerusalem once and have never made any jam! And I think that probably goes for the majority of WI members, but what we can do is go on one of the regular fun days to try sports like Clay Pigeon Shooting, Archery or Golf as well as visiting places of interest.

Today the WI seeks to empower women and if you want to take a subject a little further, the WI residential Denman College exists where short courses are available in all sorts of subjects. If however you just want to spend an evening with friendly women give the Kemsing WI a try, I am sure you will enjoy it. *Doreen Farrow*

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I am writing my note in mid autumn - a good time to walk through the roadside banks and hedges after a night of heavy dew. Here, there and everywhere the spiders have hung out their carpets and curtains to dry out over the glistening dewdrops which the autumn sunshine soon turns into vapour. I have yet to see what prey they take with their gossamer nets!

An avenue of tall trees form an arch as you near the top of the hill - foremost among them are giant oaks and beeches, the beech masts and acorns come shattering down as squirrels and wood pigeons gather up the nuts.

Other residents of the steep bank are a family of stoats, I have watched her hunting the bank, out with her young family, utterly defiant of my gaze. A relentless killer of rats and rabbits and she has been known to raid the hen roost. Their first cousin, the weasel, is no less blood thirsty, he lives in my wood shed and does a good job on the rats, the smallest British carnivore - but size means nothing to him - I once saw him lugging a full grown rabbit up the bank. Weasels (mouse hunt) hunt in families and they are very good at it!

I have written before of bird flight over Cotmans Ash, but lately I have been set a riddle by a flock of seagulls - in the early dawn they pass over the roof of Cotmans Ash, their journey is east to west from Wrotham to Riverhead. At dusk, a return journey, west to east - why do these grey and white birds of the seashore bother to fly over the downland hills of Kemsing?

Soon we will be celebrating Christmas. Heather and I with the family never leave Kemsing at Christmas, it is a family time and Kemsing is the place to be.

As well as other good friends, we have lost Eric Lott during the year - he was a great hill walker and a real friend. His family asked me to write a simple tribute to him.

### **The Kemsing Hills**

On Kemsings' top how oft we sat,  
To talk of this and dream of that  
While all around the wandering sheep,  
Not for them the hill too steep.  
Now larks into the heavens rise,  
Their lovely music fills the sky  
Soon evening cloud across the sky.  
A time for us to say 'Goodbye'.

*Brian Doe*

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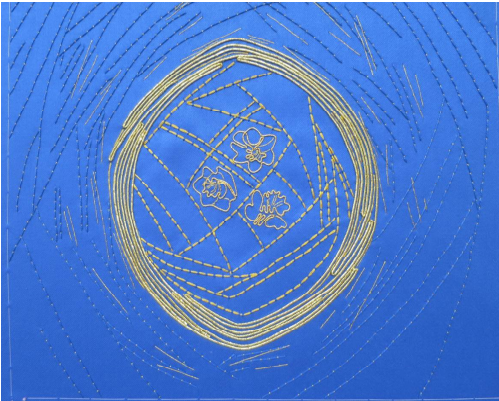
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Rosemary ran the Lunch Club for many years, was a member of the Church Choir and also helped at the Library.

## COUNCILLOR GODFREY CROUGHTON RETIRES



As you will have seen from the article on page 13, Godfrey Croughton has retired from the Parish Council after 47 years of marvellous service to the Community of Kemsing. Here he is receiving a small token of appreciation for the many years of hard work and dedication given to us. Thank you Godfrey.

**Godfrey with Marie Cole, Chair of the Council**



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### **Baptisms/Thanksgiving**

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Alfie HINE on 20th November 2016

### **Weddings**

Peter MANCKTELOW and Abigail YOUNG on 10th September 2016

Daniel EATON and Clare PARRY on October 22nd 2016 in London

### **Deaths—Rest in Peace**

Denise BROOME-SMITH on 16th July 2016

Michael MOORE on 25th July 2016

Mona HUGHES (91) on 13th July 2016

Mary Emily MORLEY (94) on 3rd August 2016

Thomas HILLIER (94) 19th August 2016

Desmond MULLEN (76) 28th August 2016

Margaret Cockburn MOORE (76) in September 2016

Jean HOLT (89) on 17th October 2016

Doreen THATCHER November 2016

Norna MUNSON 14th November 2016

### **From “The Well” Christmas 1966**

Geoffrey Young (vicar) was about to leave after 10 years of ministry and wrote of his and his family’s happy years in Kensing (he subsequently retired in Leybourne and was often at Rochester Cathedral, where he was a Canon, when the Kensing Church Choir were there.

George Saker (father of Philip) had recently died and an appreciation mention that he had served on the Parochial Church Council from 1934-52.

Vic Bowden wrote about Rossiter’s Hill on West End which was apparently named after the foreman of works who subsequently lived in one of the houses –since burnt down – at the top of the hill.

The Football Club had over 50 players and had started the season well. The Cricket Club had held a successful Dinner at the Oast Restaurant in Otford, and the Tennis Club had enjoyed a good season and held a successful dinner.

### **From “The Well” Christmas 1991**

Brian Buttifant wrote to thank villagers for their kindness and thoughts after his recent accident and subsequent hospitalisation. Alan Waters wrote about monitoring peace in Yugoslavia as part of an EU Mission. Philip Walker contributed “A Christmas Story”.

Vic Bowden wrote about “Why Noah’s Ark?” Information from a document dated 1703 threw more light on this question but did not provide a conclusive answer!.

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## KEMSING PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Another Autumn and another packed term at Kemsing Primary School. Year 6 went off to Rippledawn, near Deal for their residential trip. The children took part in a variety of activities; pond dipping, rock pooling, shelter building, fire-starting and visits to Dover Castle, the wartime tunnels and they finished off the week at Canterbury Cathedral in costume, re-enacting the story of Thomas Beckett.

In early October we had our Harvest Festival Service at the church. Parents were packed in and enjoyed a variety of songs and poems performed by all the classes. A collection of food was donated by children and parents to the Sevenoaks food bank. The whole school had photos taken and designed Christmas cards!

Who can forget our invasion by the BBC and some Anglo-Saxons on their way to



Battle? The whole school took part in a re-enactment on our field of the Battle of Hastings. Six riders recreated the epic journey of Harold's army from York (via Kemsing) to Battle. It was just fantastic.

Finally, Christmas is coming which is a great time of year to be in school. Blunderbus Theatre entertained KS1 with the story of

the Sorcerer's Apprentice. The Friends of Kemsing School are organising the Fayre which will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The OAKS Christmas Dinner will be held at the school in early December. The Year 6 children will provide the entertainment and waiter service for this too!

We hope that parents will join us for the Key Stage 1 Nativity (with a whole host of heavenly angels), the Celebration of Christmas by Key Stage 2 and finally Carols by Candlelight in the church to complete the package.

*Helen Brown , Deputy Headteacher.  
(November 2016)*

## *Village Diary*

### **December 2016**

- 4th** Christingle service at St. Mary's, Kemsing at 10.30am  
9th Kemsing Wildlife Group 'Woodland Wild Life' talk by John Tyler  
St. Edith hall 7.30 admission £2.00 under 16 free  
13th Kemsing Gardeners meeting, talk on 'Winter Containers' by Millbrook  
Garden Centre, St Edith small hall 8.00  
14th WI 'Christmas Party with Christmas crafts' St. Edith small hall 7.45pm  
16th The Kemsing Singers Christmas Concert 'Lead Kindly Light'  
and Harpist Keziah Thomas. Directed by Sara Kemsley accompanied by  
the Peter Young. In aid of the Orpheus Centre. 7.30pm St. Edith Hall  
17th Tickets from 01959 523752 or 9 Cleves Rd., Kemsing  
Friends of the choir £6. Adult £8 children £4.  
**18th** Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at St. Mary's at 7.00pm  
**24th** Christmas Eve  
**2pm** Crib service for Tiny Tots  
**3.45pm** Crib service followed by Carols at The Well  
**11.30pm** Midnight Holy Communion  
**25th** Christmas Day  
**8.am** Traditional Communion  
**9.30am** Family Communion service

### **January 2017**

- 7th Heritage Centre open first Saturday of every month 10.00-12.00  
9th Heritage Centre open every Monday afternoon 2.00-4.30pm  
11th W.I. St. Edith small hall 7.45pm talk by T. Burton 'The life of Helen Keller'  
27th Heritage Centre talk by A. Ferris '1917 Bombs in Kent' St. Edith hall 7.30pm  
Members free, non members £2.50

### **February**

- 4th Heritage Centre open first Saturday of every month 10.00-12.00  
4th Friends of St. Mary's AGM. St. Mary's, Kemsing at 2.30pm.  
6th Heritage Centre open every Monday afternoon 2.00-4.30pm  
7th At the War Memorial at 2pm to remember William Owen Jarvis Winter  
8th W.I. St. Edith small hall 7.45pm talk on 'Organic farming' by a local producer  
Fidelity Weston of Romshed Farm, Underriver.  
10th At the War Memorial at 2pm to remember William Thomas Reed  
11th Heritage Centre Association AGM St. Edith small hall 3.00pm all welcome.

### **March**

- 4th Heritage Centre open first Saturday of every month 10.00-12.00  
6th Heritage Centre open every Monday afternoon 2.00-4.40pm  
9th W.I. St. Edith small hall 7.45pm talk 'Needles and Pins' things I have bought  
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