

THE WELL

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with news from Woodlands**

Autumn 2019

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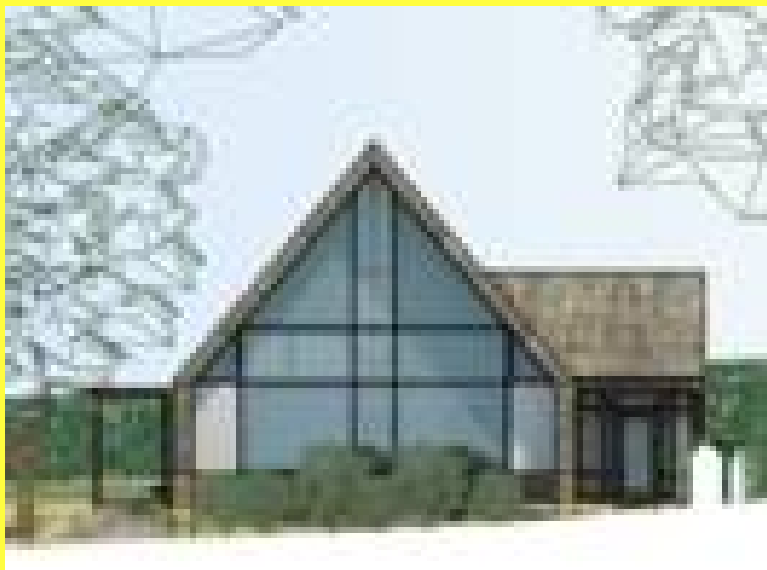
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Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

This is an unusual letter to write; because of the copy deadlines for *The Well* magazine, I had to write this before I began my 3 month sabbatical. I have no idea what will be in the news by the time this is published, so it's impossible to write a topical letter.



So I thought I'd try something different. I often hear it said that the Christian faith is complicated and hard to understand. Certainly, God is infinitely deep, so we never run out of new things to discover. But at its heart, the Christian message is actually very simple. I thought I'd set myself the challenge of summarising it in the few hundred words I have here.

It all starts with God. Science may have lots to say about how the world came into being, but the Bible starts by telling us who made sure it did. God made the world, and us. As our maker, he also owns us. He has the right to tell us how to live. True happiness will be found in knowing him, delighting in him more than anything, and caring for the world as he intends.

But that's not how things are today. We threw off his rule, and find our happiness in other things cannot bear the weight of being the centre of our lives. God will not turn a blind eye when we upend him in this way. He has set a day when Jesus will return to this world as judge, to punish all that is not right. It means we are all in deep trouble.

But that's not the end of the story. Love is the quality at the centre of God's character, and God loved us so much that his Son was born as the human being Jesus. He lived the perfect life we never have, but then was killed on a Roman cross. As he died, darkness fell, and the judgement of God fell on the person of Jesus. He was punished for the things we do wrong.

The story still has not ended. On day 3, he rose again, and is still alive, wonderfully and bodily, today. Death is defeated; Jesus is victorious. Our forgiveness is assured, and one day he'll raise all who trust him to a similarly wonderful new life. God's original purpose to have us, delighting in him, living as he made us to be, will happen.

So we all have a choice. We can continue to reject God and his purposes, or we can accept Jesus' sacrificial death and ask him to turn our lives around to re-make us in this way.

This truly is the best news in the world. It's also not particularly complicated. See you soon!

With every blessing. Your friend and vicar,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James". The script is cursive and fluid.

James Oakley

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The Church Office has now been relocated to Room 5 at 9 West End (over Kemsing Motors) and will be open as usual on four mornings a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.15 to 12.15pm. Answerphone at other times is 01732 761351. Ring first to make sure Anita, our Parish Administrator, is there. Her email address is: administrator@kemsingandwoodlands.org

Apart from 5th Sunday, the pattern of services at Kemsing 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 School on every Sunday **apart from 1st Sunday of the month which is the 'All-Age' service**

18.30 Evensong.

The service pattern on the 5th Sunday will be:

08.00 BCP Matins

10.00 Combined service with Woodlands at Kemsing

18.30 Evensong

Harvest Festival at Kemsing will take place on 6th October at the 9.15 service and All Age service at 10.30am, and **at Woodlands** on 22nd September at 11am

Remembrance Sunday. 10th November at 9.50am at Kemsing, then 10.45am at The Well, and at Woodlands at 10.45am

SERVICES at St. Mary's Woodlands

1st Sunday 4.30 All Age Service

2nd Sunday 11.00 Informal Communion

3rd Sunday 11.00 Morning Praise

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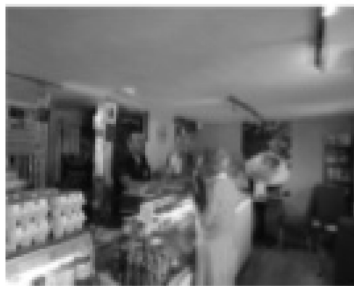
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Saturday: 10am to 2pm

These new opening hours apply from 30th September.

The Library will celebrate its 50th birthday after Christmas and the Library are planning a special event. Watch this space for more details.

Scouts Jumble Sale Saturday 16th November

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The Hymnathon on Saturday, 13th July, was a joyful success with many requests for our favourite hymns, and lots of people came along not just to listen but to join in as well. Our Director of Music, Gillian Broome, accompanied each one on the organ and invited those donors present to say why they had chosen their particular hymn. This was especially touching as it was apparent that those chosen were bringing back nostalgic memories of loved ones and special occasions. Jean (Walker) provided tea, coffee, and cake throughout the two hours which was most welcome, and £500 was received in donations towards the Church Hall building as well. A "Carolathon" is planned for **Saturday, 30th November. Let Anita in the Church Office know what Christmas music you would like (01732 761351) and come along and sing or listen.**

The PCC signed a contract for the **first stage of the new Church Hall** and the contractors, GA Harper, started work in July as soon as all the planning conditions were signed off by Sevenoaks District Council. The Archaeology inspections which were required as part of these conditions did not reveal any startling surprises, just a few animal bones and bits of pottery. The survey which CSC Regeneration carried out throughout the village in June was useful, and we are grateful to all those who took part and gave their opinions about the future use of the new hall. The PCC's Fundraising Committee is continuing to explore possible grants as there is still a large shortfall in the sum needed to finish it.

A donation form is being distributed with *The Well* which we hope many people will use to help reach the figure needed (see page 3). More information is on the display board inside the Church with other alternative ways of giving. This information was also given in the Summer edition of *The Well*. See also page 27 for details of events in September and October.

James has completed his 3-month sabbatical, and was back in Church on **Sunday, 8th September**, after which there was a Church Barbecue which about one hundred people enjoyed. We are very grateful to all the visiting clergy who took the Church services during James' absence. We hope that James found that his break has helped him to take up the reins with renewed spiritual strength.

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The ‘Leisure Plots’

I was recently asked by someone, a newcomer to the village, why the Parish Council were selling off parts of the Downs above the village. Somewhat mystified, and sure that the Parish Council didn't have any intention of selling off any such land, I asked further, and discovered that she was asking about the land known in the village as the Leisure Plots, but for those other newcomers to the village, it seems to be worth giving some information about the heritage of these small parcels of land.

In 1975, Hildenborough Hall, Otford Manor or Treacle Towers as it is also known, decided to sell off about 20 acres of their farm land on the lower slopes of the Downs in an area of outstanding Natural Beauty (AOB). The land was purchased by a Company called Yalcpalm Ltd of Bradwell on Sea in Essex who turned it into 227 separate small plots of land. Yalcpalm's plan, which they referred to as the Pilgrims Way Estate, gave a presentation showing what could be a very dense housing development of ten dwellings per acre, but it was acknowledged that no planning permission had been obtained. Sevenoaks District Council were unable to purchase the land under a compulsory purchase order, and Yalcpalm sold some plots to various people, mainly from the Greater London area. However the District Council did obtain an Order on the land which prevented any structure, even as small as a shed or fence from being built and restricts the access of caravans without planning permission.

In the event, very few owners did little to their newly acquired land although one person did lay on water and planted some fruit trees. Over the subsequent years, the Parish Council identified the owners of some of the plots and brought a number from Yalcpalm who subsequently went into liquidation. The Parish Council then acquired from the Crown Estates the access paths and plots that had remained in Yalcpalm's ownership. In 1988, after travellers set up a camp and were subsequently moved on, trenches, earth bunds and a gate were erected to prevent further encroachment onto the land.

It is some of these plots which have come up for sale and were advertised on the internet and which the newcomer had found for sale. I'm glad to say that the Parish Council is not 'selling' their land and that when these Leisure Plots do come up for sale, the Parish Council may buy them providing the price is right.

Dividing land into small areas and selling them as speculative plots which might one day get planning permission was very common in the 1970's, but we are very fortunate that the land remains much as it was when it was put up for sale.

Janet Eaton, with full acknowledgement to the late Bob Banister who wrote about this area in The Well, Autumn 2010.

Just before the summer holidays began we were given an award by the Kent County Council for the fun, adventure and skills we're offering to young people in Sevenoaks District. The Cub Scouts (7-10 year olds) have 18 members and Scouts (10½-14 year olds) have 19 members.

Here's a snapshot of what our young people have been enjoying. Whenever we go to Oak Hall, taking refreshments to the Cotmans Ash Nature reserve.



Here our Beaver Colony enjoyed roasting (and burning) sausages on the sticks at Cotmans Ash. It's such a wonderful day – thank you Brian (Doe)!

In the Cub Pack they have been to a rifle shooting range, learned basic cooking skills, including how to make a cup of tea (arguably the most important skill!). We enjoyed a guest speaker who told us about a 63 million year old piece of wood and in July investigating the local flora on Greenhill for the

Activity Badge.(see photo)



The Scout Troop skills focussed on areas such as knives and saws. During a dark, evening, two of the Patrols managed to make their way through the forest. Some of our older members have even had a try

We've also enjoyed supporting Community Events such as the Porchlight Charity Sleepout, Remembrance Sunday, St George's Day Parade, Kent County Show and not forgetting the very enjoyable Kemsing Village Fete in June. Look at our Police Community Support Offices participating in axe throwing – see, everyone can learn something new with Kemsing Scouts!

KEMSING SCOUTS

ent Scouts County Commissioner for our growth and for the opportunities for
strict. Our Beavers (6-8 year olds) is currently at 24 members, Cubs (8-10½

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KEMSING SINGERS

Kemsing Singers Christmas Concert 'Deck the Halls' will take place on **December 13th and 14th** in St. Edith Hall at 7.30pm. The Concert is an Elizabethan romp and will be accompanied by the Wealden Recorder Consort. For the Box Office, contact 01959 523752.

KEMSING EVENING W.I.



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I am very sorry to report the unexpected passing of **Councillor Mr. Paul Burfield** on 5th August 2019. Mr. Burfield joined the Parish Council in May 2003 to April 2011 and after a four year absence, returned again in May 2015. During his time on the Parish Council Mr. Burfield made a significant contribution in all areas, and also served on most of the Parish Council's committees at some time. In previous years Mr. Burfield chaired the Emergency Services Committee and Finance Committee and more recently, the Planning Committee. He was also Chairman of the St. Edith Hall Management Committee for a few years. Mr. Burfield will be missed by his colleagues.

On request from Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, the Parish Council drafted a **Highways Improvement Plan** which will, when finalised and adopted by KCC, prioritise highway improvements for Kemsing, enabling the Parish Council to apply its local knowledge in working with KCC who will provide technical advice for the best way to deliver the proposed improvements. It is likely that not all priorities will be funded given KCC's funding constraints, but it will ensure that the investment made by KCC has the most impact in making roads safer for the community where it is needed most.

Two external funding opportunities are currently being explored by the Parish Council with a view to improving the **Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve**.

The first is the **Old Chalk New Downs scheme** which aims to improve the coherence of the landscape and connectivity of chalk habitats by increasing their size, improving condition and the restoration of sites in locations where they historically existed. It is proposed to connect two isolated pieces of existing chalk grassland at the South West of Whiteleaf Down by clearing small trees and scrub to create a corridor to link the two existing areas. The second is the **Darenth Valley Living Landscape Partnership Scheme** (funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund), which aims to empower local communities to ensure the Valley remains a landscape of surprising beauty, rich in diverse habitats and with an impressive cultural heritage. This scheme will predominantly focus on providing a connecting link with Green Hill, The Dell and Goss Bank and will include scrub clearance, controlling dog rose and improvements to livestock handling as well as ensuring fencing remains adequate for grazing this important Local Wildlife Site.

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KEMSING CRICKET CLUB



With 6 games to go in the league season, Kemsing are in 4th place in Division 3 of the Kent County Village League, having been top for most of the season until a recent wobble due to poor availability!

With 7 wins in 7 games, after the first game was abandoned due to rain, there have been some terrific team and individual performances, but none better than the astonishing game at Marden CC:

Skipper, Grahame Wood, won the toss and we batted first on what was the hottest day of the year, at that point. We scored 283-8, with Wood, himself, scoring a blistering 148! We eventually won by 15 runs, with the skipper also taking 4-28 and the catch of the decade!

Against Hadlow, James Walkling (147*) and Damien Saville (58*) put on 161 runs in 13 overs, as we notched up 305-2 and won by 37 runs!

At Chiddingstone, we scored 217-8 with Wood scoring another ton, and won by 20 runs in a game that was closer than it sounds!

Against Stonewall Park, another Wood ton (126) saw us to 250-5, whereupon Roger Shaddock demolished the opposition with 5-5, as they totalled 58!

Those are just a sample of the wins, all of which were hard-fought, but the 3 defeats have been disappointing, as we have struggled with player numbers in recent weeks.

However, as all teams will suffer with availability in August, there is the chance of some more good results, so fingers crossed for that!

If you are interested in playing cricket, please contact Club Secretary, Roger Shaddock, on kemsingcc@gmail.com.

Roger Shaddock

MY MOTHER - JANET CROUGHTON



I would like to thank the people of Kemsing for the great outpouring of affection shown for my mother, Janet Croughton, following her passing and throughout all the 23 years she spent with Godfrey and amongst you all. I know she looked forward to the various social groups that Kemsing is blessed with and she played her part in them as she had done here in Suffolk.

Janet was a keen bell ringer as most of you know and her records show

she was very close to, if she hadn't exceeded, visiting 5,000 towers/rings of bells.

She knitted tirelessly gloves for the homeless at St Martin in the Fields and pullovers for children in Africa (see photo above). A full peal was rung on the bells at Barrow, Suffolk before her funeral service on 10th May, and several other quarter peals have been rung by ringing friends and organisations she was associated with, together with a quarter peal on the Kemsing bells prior to the service to celebrate her life on 19th June.

Thank you to all who took part in the bell ringing, the service and refreshments afterwards.

Janet would have been surely moved by it all and would certainly have enjoyed the social gathering afterwards.

Paul V Stannard, Barrow, Suffolk.

COTMANS ASH HILL

This is the story of a hill lane climbing from the east flank of Kemsing village to the chalk hills that form the ‘backbone of Kent’. Cotmans Ash Lane leaves the village at Heavenham – a hamlet that is fast beginning to think for itself when there is any threat to its identity. For the most of its journey the lane has steep banks or wild hedges which provide a larder of wild fruit and cover for many nesting birds.

The hill is a challenge for walkers and cyclists, but at the same time a dream for botanists and birdwatchers. Halfway up the hill, on a very sharp corner a five bar gate divides the hedge and a view westward over a sheep grazed wild flower meadow leads your eye over Kemsing across the rooftops of Sevenoaks and on to Whitley Forest at Ide Hill. On the distant tree line a giant Redwood comes into view – I know this giant, it is growing on the high grounds of West Heath School.

My high seat opposite the gap is well used by walkers and cyclists – I often sit there at sundown when I can watch a molten red ball sink over Polhill.

An ancient yew tree guards the entrance to ‘Cotmans Ash’ – a female tree –she feeds any number of birds with her sticky glistening berries, snotty goggs to country kids. I have put an owl box in the old tree which has always had a family raised in it, but this year I notice a pair of Rock Doves has moved in – I love their gentle purring. The Buzzards have as always raised their two chicks – the nest is more of a platform, an untidy affair and she always gives me a telling off if I go anywhere near the nest site.

For butterfly watchers June was dream with good spring hatchings of peacock, brimstone, meadow browns, gate keepers and ringlets. The blues came in great abundance to the local downland. Painted ladies turned up by the dozen on my old wallflowers, red admirals, great travellers are with us in number, and tortoiseshells seem to be making a comeback.

The woodland species are all turning up – speckled wood, green hairstreak, green veined white, but my annual journey to Whitley Forest to see the white admiral with the silver washed fritillary on the new bramble flower had other surprises “For there in the wood, a piggy wig stood” (Edward Lear) a young wild boar who was no less startled than me and stood his ground. I was surprised how compact he was, as well as being defiant. Many moths visit my woodland garden, particularly hawk moths, privet, poplar and elephant are regulars, not so regular is the humming bird hawk moth who has just turned up – for all the world a humming bird complete with hum, darting and hovering this way and that, a shadowy form whirring from flower to flower drinking nectar with his long tube tongue. A true prophet of lovely hot summer days to come.

Brian Doe

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

St Mary's Church has launched it's Christmas Shoebox appeal 2019 (Operation Christmas Child)

For a number of years, we at Kemsing Church have taken part in Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are filled with small gifts for children aged 2-14, are sent all over the world and for many these are the only presents they receive at Christmas.

Last year, with your help we sent off 211 boxes and this year we hope to send off even more but we can only do that with your participation. We invite everyone from our wider community the opportunity to take part in this wonderful event and spread a little happiness at Christmas time.

Flat pack shoeboxes and leaflets are available from the collection and drop off points: the Library, Kemsing School Office, Kemsing Dry cleaners, the Parish office and of course Kemsing Church.

You will need a shoebox, some things to put in it, £5 to have it delivered anywhere in the world and the box needs to be taken back to one of the above drop off points by Monday 4th November. If you have any further questions feel free to contact the parish office 01732 761351 or find out more on our website kmwd.org/shoeboxes.



Many thanks to the school, dry cleaners and the library for helping us.

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, KEMSING

MOBILE EXHIBITION

To be brought to you outside Kemsing Drycleaners at Dynes Parade

SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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Abigail Betty DRAPER on 23rd June 2019

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Daniel PINNEY and Amy BRADSHAW ON 22nd June 2019

Deaths– Rest in Peace

Paddy BRAY

John MARSH

Maureen BEDWELL (79) on 31st May 2019

Ronald LANE (94) on 11th July 2019

Barbara DAVIS (66) on 14th July 2019

Paul COWLARD (71) on 22nd July 2019

Paul BURFIELD (54) on 5th August 2019

From “The Well” Autumn 1969

“ J J B “ wrote an article about the origins and history of Noah’s Ark.

The was a changeover of headmasters of Kemsing School: the magazine contained an article by Mike Parker with an appreciation of Mr S R Smart and details of his successor- Mr Allan Gilbert.

Rosemary Fielden wrote about the origins of the Village Library following the opening of a new building at the entrance to Dippers Close,

From “The Well” Autumn 1994

Dr Evans wrote about the impending retirement of Dr William Lothian who had been a GP in the area for 45 years.

Gill Paterson contributed an appreciation of Matthew Berry who had just left St Mary’s at Kemsing where he had been an organ scholar for St Mary’s at Pitsea. He later went as an organ scholar to University College in Oxford (Matthew’s parents live in Kemsing).

The was an “On Fire” Childrens Holiday Club from 31 August – 2 September which over 60 children attended. It had been organised by Mrs Marion Glock.

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Village Diary

September

- 27th Heritage Centre talk by Christine Geer '*Knole and its people*'
St. Edith Small hall 7.30
- 28th Outside Dynes Cleaners on Dynes Parade. 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
A mobile exhibition of the progress on the new Church Hall.

October

- 8th Kemsing Gardeners St. Edith small hall 7.30 talk by Brian Nobbs
on '*Garden Birds*'
- 9th W.I. Talk '*Highlights of the V & A Museum*' by Dale Thomas,
7.45 St. Edith small hall
- 11th Kemsing Wildlife Group St. Edith small hall 7.30 talk by
R. Moyse '*Survival of the Weediest*' adults £2.00 under 16's free
- 12th Outside The Bell—a display of the progress of the New Church
Hall, plus a Bring and Buy sale 10.30am to 12.30pm

November

- 8th Kemsing Wildlife Group St. Edith small hall talk by Lynne Flower
'*Cutting Down the Woodland*' adults £2.00 under 16's free.
- 10th **Remembrance Sunday.** 9.50 in St. Mary's Church followed at
The Well at 10.45, with 2 minutes silence at 11am.
Remembrance service at Woodlands at 10.45am.
- 13th W.I. Talk on '*REMAP—A local charity for the disabled*' St. Edith
Small Hall 7.30
- 16th Scouts Jumble Sale St. Edith's Hall. Donated items for sale to the
hall from 9.30 Jumble sale at 1.30 pm. adults £1. children free.
- 23rd **St. Mary's Christmas Fair in the Church from 10am. Cakes,
cards, Christmas goodies, Bric a Brac. Teas available.**
- 28th, 29th & 30th. Kemsing Players. Arsenic and Old Lace. St. Edith
Hall
- 30th **"CAROLATHON" in St Mary's Church, Kemsing 10.30am
- 12.30pm**

December

- 10th Kemsing Gardeners Quiz night & buffet 7.30 St. Edith small hall
- 11th W. I. Christmas Party with special Christmas event. St. Edith small
Hall 7.30
- 13th & 14th Kemsing Singers 'Deck the Halls' Concert, St. Edith Hall
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