

**Upcoming dates for your diary** (*details below*)

Family Time Together	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May: 3-4.30pm
Chartham Hatch Communion Service	Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> April: 10.30am
Coffe & Cake concert – Vicky McCrae saxophonist	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May: 10.15 for 11am
Youth Emmaus group -	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> May: 5-6.15pm
Five Church Walk	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May: 10am-6pm

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**Youth Emmaus group for 10-12 year olds.** This time the group is at **The Salem House**, on the Green CT4 7JW led by Bronny and Diana. **Wednesday 6th May 5-6.15pm**

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**Ascension Day Thursday 14th May**

*This is the day we remember the disciples seeing Jesus taken up to heaven and there will be a 12noon Communion Service and a 7pm Communion Service.*

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**Thy Kingdom Come: 15th - 23rd May**

You are invited to join in these nine special days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday, when we will be using some of the materials produced for 'Thy Kingdom Come'. More details via the QR code.



**9am Morning Prayer** (Monday to Friday) - a 30 minute service with music, a bible reading, prayers and silence.

**5pm Evening Prayer** (Monday to Friday) - a 20 minute service of prayer and reflection

**Midday Bible Study Group Wednesday 20th and 27th May at 12noon.**

Join us for the first of our Midday Bible Study groups on the theme of the Ascension and Pentecost, led by Gerry and John Willis. This will be followed by a simple soup lunch for those who can stay.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are interested.

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**Safeguarding Officer.**

*We are looking for a Parish Safeguarding Officer (or two Parish Safeguarding Officers) to support the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in the delivery of its safeguarding responsibilities and to be the key link between the Diocese and Parish on Safeguarding matters. For more information, a Role Description and Application Forms please speak to Rev Andrew Edwards, Pippa Kiss or one of our churchwardens.*

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**Coffee & Cake concert on Saturday 16th May:**

This month **local musician and music therapist Vicky McCrea** will play for us: *"A selection for alto saxophone designed to highlight the instrument's unique lyrical qualities and technical versatility. The programme will take you on a vast musical journey, with songs linking to each other to celebrate their interwoven musical connections."*

Once again we can enjoy the tremendous gifts of those that live among us in our community - this is definitely a treat not to be missed.

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**The Five Church Walk** (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May) “... a heartfelt collaboration among five welcoming Kent churches, each opening their doors and hearts to walkers throughout the event. As you journey along the scenic route, you’ll experience the warmth of local congregations, who provide refreshments, encouragement, and a true sense of community spirit.”



Further info via the QR code.

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**Archdeacon’s Visitation: service for Admission of Churchwardens**

Please come to this special service of Evensong, to support and pray for Matt and Laura as they are admitted to the office of churchwarden. Please contact Rev Andrew if you would like a lift.

**Mon 15th June 5.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral**

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**Walk Church Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April:**

*This month’s walk is from Bethersden church – and it looks like it’ll be a beautiful day. Meet at 1.45 for a 2pm start. Full details on website via QR*



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**Rev Andrew will be away** for two weeks from 27<sup>th</sup> April.

During this period please contact one of the churchwardens if you have any queries about the church.

Thanks to Robin & Bronny Slowe and Alex Potts for leading the Family Praise service on 3rd May, and to Rev Canon Steve Lillicrap for presiding at Communion & preaching on 10th May.

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**Collects and readings**

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Communion**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is  
the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things  
which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 2: 42-end & John 10: 1-10**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May: Family Praise service**

Almighty God,  
who, through your  
only-begotten Son Jesus Christ,  
have overcome death and  
opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that,  
as by your grace going before us,  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so, by your continual help,  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**John 14:1-14**

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May:**

**Acts 17: 22-31 & John 14: 15-21**

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