

Upcoming dates for your diary (*details below*)

Walk Church	Sun 24 th May	1.45 for 2pm
St Martins in the Fields annual pilgrimage	Mon 25 th May	11 - 4pm
Midday Bible study group (& lunch after)	Wed 27 th May	12noon
Challock Open Gardens	Sun 7 th June	10 - 5pm
Family Time Together	Sun 14 th June	3 - 4.30pm
Music Sunday	Sun 14 th June	10am

St Martins in the Fields annual pilgrimage.

The walkers last stop before Canterbury is at St Mary's for tea. This pilgrimage from London raises a lot of money for their care of the homeless so we try to make them welcome.

Offers of help please to make a cake or scones, with list of ingredients, to deliver to church on Sunday 24th or Monday 25th after 11am. Also offers of help for an hour to serve tea and/or wash up. There are two sign-up rotas at the back of church. Speak to Ruth or phone 01227 738395.

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

Join us for the second 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.

*The next meeting for **Walk Church is on Sunday, 24th May**, meeting at Pluckley Church.*

This combines a service of worship with fellowshiping & walking through beautiful countryside. The forecast is promising a beautiful day – don't forget your sun hat!

Follow the QR code to the website for more information.

**Parish Safeguarding Officer vacancy.**

We are looking for a Parish Safeguarding Officer (or two Parish Safeguarding Officers) to support the PCC (Parochial Church Council) 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.

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

Challock Open Gardens - Sunday 7th June 2026, 10.00am to 5.00pm.

“Challock boasts some fabulous, interesting gardens and unique plant collections. Gardens that are normally hidden from the public will open in the lovely, picturesque village of Challock, on top of the North Downs. Discover, explore and be inspired”.

“A wide variety of gardens are open, from newly planted borders to gardens with specimen plants, shrubs and trees. They range from extensive wildflower and tree meadows, cottage gardens, an amazing Japanese themed garden, ponds, water features and vegetable plots and a private collection of over 300 cacti and succulents.”

Ten gardens will be open.

Admission £7 for adults - proceeds in aid of British Heart Foundation and Friends of Challock Church. More details on website via the QR code:



Music Sunday, 14th June

A message from our organist, Peter Thomas:

Each year, the Royal School of Church Music designates one of the Sundays in June as ‘Music Sunday’ – a Sunday when churches are encouraged to highlight the role of music in Christian worship. The music chosen on June 14th is our response. As well as congregational hymns which celebrate music, during communion the choir will sing Psalm 98 (‘Sing to the Lord a new song’) set to an Anglican chant by Barry Ferguson (a former organist of Rochester Cathedral).

Collects and readings

Sun 24th May: Pentecost Communion

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gift of faith;
revive your Church
with the breath of love;
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts: 2:1-21, John 7: 37-39

Sun 31st May: Family Communion

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds
with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

2 Cor 13:11-end, Matt 28:16-end

Sun 7th June

Matthew 9: 9-13 & 18-26

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