

Upcoming dates for your diary

Family Time Together (with a 'Harvest' theme)	Sun 11 th Oct	3-4.30pm
Coffee & Cake concert (Jamie Rogers, cathedral organist)	Sat 17 th Oct	10.15 for 11am
Pantomime rehearsal (St Mary's)	Sun 18 th Oct	2pm
Pantomime rehearsal (St Mary's)	Mon 12 & 19 th	7pm
PCC Meeting	Thurs 22nd October	7pm
'Bygone Chartham' exhibition (in St Mary's)	Sat & Sun Oct 24-25 th	
Light Party (for primary school age)	31 st Oct	5-6.30pm
Church Pantomime – "A lad in a manger"	Sat & Sun Dec 12-13 th	Afternoon

Josephine Groves: Jo was a member of St Mary's Church and, sang in our choir, for many years. Her funeral will be held on 30th October at 11.30am at St Mary's Church.

Pop-Up Café Proposal

We are exploring the possibility of opening a café a couple of times a week to serve the local community and to address the needs of home or hybrid workers, young parents, and indeed anybody who may like a social meeting place in the heart of Chartham.

So, we have designed a survey to help us understand local needs & preferences and would be most grateful if as many people as possible could complete this – it should take no more than 3 minutes of your time.

The survey can be accessed via <https://forms.gle/qD5AJPhbWxqqbfSf8> or the QR code, and will be available until the end of October.



Thank you for your help with this. **Mike Potts, Laura Gilbert & Pippa Kiss**

Family Time Together 11th October 3 - 4.30pm.

For children aged 3-11 and their parents/carer, this month's theme is 'Harvest', with a bible story, a song, and lots of crafts and **cake!**

Our midday **Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel** will continue on Weds Oct 14th at 12pm in church. This will be **followed by a Soup Lunch** at 1.00pm. **Everyone welcome.**

Coffee & Cake concert

This month we are delighted to welcome **Jamie Rogers**, the **Canterbury Cathedral organist**. Sat 17th October at 10.15 for 11am.

Walk Church this month is on Sunday 18th October – a week earlier than usual, beginning at St George's Benenden TN17 4DL – meet at 1:45 for 2pm. This month we'll take a much shorter walk than usual, in the vicinity near the church, before being welcomed into the **enchanted garden of Charlotte and Donald Molesworth**, which is beautifully laid out & filled with impressive topiary and subtle sculptures; a wonderful place for prayer and quiet reflection. More details via the QR code. **Rev Alex Bienfait**



Light Party on 31st October.

For primary school age children. Dress code: costumes but nothing scary! Think super-heroes and princesses. From 5-6.30pm in St Mary's – no charge.

Any queries to Alex Potts or Laura Gilbert.

'Bygone Chartham' exhibition 24-25th October: We are hosting a special exhibition from the Chartham Archives and are looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors with refreshments and cake (all proceeds in support of St Mary's Church).

Could you help serve refreshments during the exhibition and/or make or buy a cake? Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, please see Laura or Rev Andrew for more details Save the date and **contact Rev Andrew** if you can help.

Service for Remembering, 1st November 3pm: A memorial service dedicated to those who have lost loved ones. There will be an opportunity to remember your loved one by name and to light a candle in their memory. Followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

An evening with Colonel Bob Stewart: Friday 7th November at 7pm in St Lawrence Church, Godmersham CT4 7DS : Hear Colonel Bob Stewart DSO, former commander of British UN forces in Bosnia share insights from his time serving during the Bosnian conflict.

Remembrance Sunday Service 8th November 10am: This year we have decided not to have communion in this service so that we can be at the war memorial at 11am to mark the 2 minute silence. Please let friends and neighbours know that we will be at the war memorial earlier than in past years. Thank you - Rev Andrew

Faith. Politics. Planet – Hope in a Divided Age, 7pm at St John's Waterloo, London on 10 November: a special evening to mark the opening of COP31 with Ruth Valerio and Andy Flannagan exploring how faith can inspire meaningful climate action. More information via QR, or contact Sarah Challenger.



Collects and readings

Sun 11th Oct: Holy Communion

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 32:1-14 & Matthew 22: 1-14

Sun 18th Oct: Morning Service

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up
within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts
equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will;
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 33:12-23 & Matthew 22:15-22

Sun 25th Oct:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Matthew 22: 34-46

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