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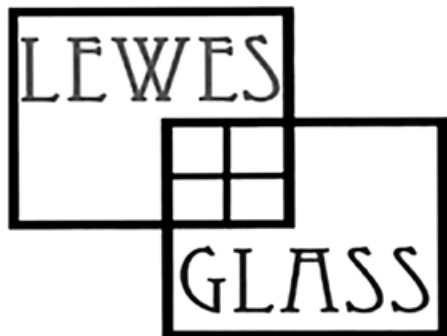
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

What's the best news you've ever heard? Think about that question for a while...

This question starts a new seven week course we are starting at St. Mary's this month. The course is called Christianity Explored and is a chance to hear the claims of Christianity, to examine the evidence yourself and then to make up your own mind. You won't be asked to read aloud, to sing, pray or do anything you might find uncomfortable. What you will hear is what we consider to be the best news we've ever heard and you'll have a chance to question if you wish, or just to sit and listen.

We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7pm until 9pm beginning on Thursday 6 June in the Church Room next to church. Anyone will be welcome to join us.

Another piece of good news coming this month is our annual Garden Party, taking place in the freshly mown Vicarage garden on Saturday 15 June. I'm sure the weather will be amazing so come and join us for tea and cake, stalls of various kinds and conversations and laughter. I look forward to seeing you around.

With every blessing, Revd. David

JUNE CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

10am
6.30pm

TRINITY 1

FirstSunday@10 for Environment Sunday
Eucharist for Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

10am

TRINITY 2

Eucharist for Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

10am
6.30pm

TRINITY 3

Parade Service with Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

10am

TRINITY 4

Eucharist with the Ministry of Prayer

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

10am
6.30pm

TRINITY 5

Eucharist for Ordinary Time
Deanery Choral Evensong

There is also a Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel every Thursday at 10am

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

For all church services for June, see p2 or ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information

ST MARY'S GARDEN PARTY

You're invited to St Mary's Summer Garden Party on 15 June from 2pm to 4pm on the Vicarage Lawn.

Expect stalls, refreshments, hamper raffle and much more! Do come along and enjoy the afternoon's fun.



FIRST SUNDAYS@10 Environment Sunday is on 2 June, so at this service we are having a special craft. Do come along and find out all about it – see p7 for more information. At 6.30pm we have a Eucharist service, to which you are also invited.

BRAND NEW STUDY GROUP Starts on Thursday 6 June in the Church Room at 7pm until 8.30pm. It is called *Christianity Explored* and will last for 6/7 weeks and finish with an away day. Why not come along and find out more about Christianity. See Revd David's letter on p2 for more details. .

AT OUR 10am SUNDAY SERVICES each week we pray for the people living in a specific area of Ringmer. This month they are: Stephen's Close and Butlers Way on 2 June, Rushey Green on 9 June, The Broyle on 16 June, Shortgate on 23 June and Green Lane and Harvey's Lane on 30 June.

HOLY COMMUNION will be said at our Ringmer Care Homes during the month – Parris Lawn on 4 June, Lime Tree House on 27 June and Holm Lodge on 25 June.



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19 May **Ralph Summers** **"In loving memory."**

20 June **Peter Michael Hoare** **"In loving memory."**

If you would like to remember a loved one by having the St Mary's church floodlit on a specific evening, please contact Shirley Squires at sasxyz@talktalk.net or on 01273 752167/07552492354 or at 26 Danforth Way. A donation of £10 is requested.

A THANK YOU TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Ann and Mark James and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours who have sent cards and kind messages, and also those who supported us at Geoff's funeral at the end of April.

ST MARY'S TODDLERS

Continues on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. Parents / carers with pre-school children are welcome to come along. Teas and coffees are available. There is no charge but donations for coffee are Welcome.

NEXT PARADE SERVICE

Our next Parade Service is on Sunday 16 June at 10am and will include a Eucharist. We hope to see some of the members of our uniformed organisations there.



Shirley Squires says: "We would like to invite you to our meeting on Tuesday 11 June at 7.30pm in the Church Room. We have a very special speaker,

Revd Sue Foster, who is coming to talk to us about the modern day slavery happening in our country today. This is a very important subject and one we all need to know about and find out how we may be able to help these poor people caught up in it through no fault of their own. We hope you will come along. We will start our meeting with a short service and after Sue's talk will enjoy tea/coffee and a chat."



SPECIAL CHORAL EVENSONG

On 30 June at 6.30pm a special Choral Evensong will be held at St Mary's. Rosemary Colebourn says: "I do hope this is in your diaries as we know Evensong is a much-loved service. The choir will be augmented by other singers from all over the Lewes and Seaford Deanery and if you are an singer not already in our choir or know one locally, you're welcome to join our rehearsals on Fridays 14, 21 and 28 June at 7pm."

For full details contact Rosemary on 07552487694. The service will be preceded by a rehearsal and tea for all taking part."

ENVIRONMENT SUNDAY IS ON 2 JUNE

Rosemary Colebourn says: "The Service at 10am will focus on our Eco Church efforts. It will include lively activities linked to funding the twinning of two of our toilets to build new community toilets in a developing country, planting out seedlings (could be messy!) and advice on choosing Fair Trade products.

"In the afternoon between 4pm and 6pm the theme will continue with a family- orientated picnic and trail from the church porch, around the Old Churchyard across the road into the new Almond Field. There will be quizzes for the children to spot what is happening all around them. Can they find the flower in the picture (right)?"



ST MARY'S ECO TIP FOR JUNE – REPAIRING FAVOURITE CLOTHES

A few days of recent sunshine has encouraged us to pull out our summer clothes. But how do we make our wardrobe more sustainable?

Patrick Grant, who fronts *The Great British Sewing Bee*, points out that fast fashion means that we now own five times as much clothing as in the 1970s. Furthermore, many only wear a third of their garments. He suggests that we should consider the source of what we buy and shop for value rather than initial cost, by buying fewer but longer lasting clothes. But some worn but much loved items are worth repairing. They can be better than new ones: moth holes can be darned, elbows patched and torn collars relined. Patches and darning can add creative decoration. If you don't fancy doing it yourself, consider visiting a repair café where you can learn from watching someone else repair your favourite garment. Patrick has just published a book called *Less: Stop Buying So Much Rubbish: How Having Fewer, Better Things Can Make Us Happier*. Worth a read for more information on sustainability at home.



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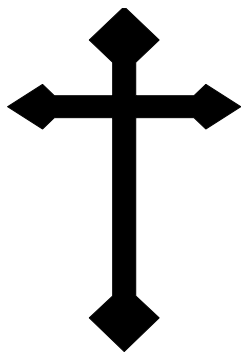
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A warm welcome and a joyful time of fellowship awaits all who join us at our services to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear what God is saying.

Sunday Morning services are at 10.30am in the Village Hall and over Zoom. Please contact Malcolm Hart for the code and password details.

Evening Services are at 6pm, also in the Village Hall. Thursday Home Group is at 7.30pm and Tuesday Prayer Meeting is at 10.15am, both in the Library. Communion is usually every second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening.

For pastoral or other needs, contact Neil Thornicroft and head to ringmerbaptist.co.uk for our June Programme and Speakers.

Our Preaching Programme & Speakers for June 2024

Mornings: *The Book of Acts (of the Apostles)*

Evenings: *Jesus' Parables in Luke*

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

2 June – Fellowship Informal Lunch.

7 July – Formal Lunch at 12.45pm with guest speaker from the Leprosy Mission at 2.15pm.

OUTDOOR PRAISE SERVICE

On 23 June at 10.30am on the village green there will be a joint service with our friends from St Mary's. All are welcome to hear testimonies and to praise God.

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

EAST SUSSEX VISION SUPPORT COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

East Sussex Vision Support is having a coffee morning on 8 June at the Village Hall from 10am to 12pm. Expect a raffle and tombola and background music courtesy of Daphne Starnes. All proceeds go towards Summer outings and monthly meetings for the local club for blind and partially sighted people.

RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Friday 28 June in Ringmer Village Hall, when the speaker will be Mat Homewood who will cover 'Sussex Sports'. Mat will take a light-hearted look at the history of sporting events in Sussex, including activities such as cricket, football, horse racing and stoolball as well as some lesser known activities including jingling matches, menagerie races and piano bashing. The talk will be fully illustrated.

WALKING THURSDAYS

Marisa Hayes says: "Join us on the fourth Thursday of the month for a stroll through lanes and across fields.

"Ladies, mums and grannies are welcome to meet friends and make new ones. We will meet at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church on 27 June and then again on 25 July. There's no need to book – just get your walking shoes on and join us!"



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"Our volunteers are rewarded with warm appreciation from our clients, and mileage costs for the lifts given. We manage to fulfil more than 95% of the requests made to us on our helpline (07340 118758).

"Why not join us as a volunteer? The beauty of our system is that volunteers do as much or as little as they choose. You opt in by looking at a list of jobs sent to your email - nobody will phone you to put you on the spot. Volunteers can do anything from one job a year to one or two a week, entirely to suit their choice and free time." To find out more, call Harvey on 01273 812097.

YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

Mary Greenwood has been volunteering as Ringmer Church & Village News Chief Distributor for many years. It's finally time for Mary to hand over the role to someone else. She says: "Regretfully, due to my driving days being numbered I shall have to give up very shortly after several enjoyable years. The magazines will come to you each month straight from the printers. I have always tried to get them out to the deliverers as quickly as possible, usually the next day. At present we have 14 deliverers and a number of 'outliers', which I have been dropping in myself.

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On Saturday 8 June from 10am to 12pm, we will host our second 'Sociable Saturday'. This is thanks to funding from Ringmer Parish Council, and we positively encourage people to drop by for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee

with cake. You don't need to be a library user, just come to find some friendly company on the second Saturday each month.

On Thursday 20 June from 3pm to 4.30pm, the regular hearing aid maintenance session from East Sussex Hearing will run. And on Thursday 27 June from 11am to 3pm, we're pleased to welcome back One You, East Sussex who will be offering free health checks. The health checks are for people between 40 and 74 who haven't had a health check in the last five years and who don't have an existing diagnosis of high blood pressure. To book an appointment, call in at the library or email us (address below). There will be a further date in July if you can't make June.

Finally, on Saturday 29 June at 2pm, following on from the recent fully booked defibrillator training session, the Village Hall is pleased to accommodate Professor Richard Vincent and the team for a repeat performance. Book a place at the library desk or email us at the address below.

Our July activities will include a workshop on Creative Writing for Mental Health, run by local author Deborah Jenkins who wrote *Braver* - a book in our catalogue. Watch this space next month for more details.

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RINGMER MEMORY CAFÉ

Volunteers continue to run this group at The Scout Hut on Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm. A warm welcome awaits all people with Alzheimers/Dementia, their families and carers. Tea /coffee /biscuits and cakes available as are quizzes, fun games, musical entertainment or just support and a chat. All we ask for is a £2.50 donation per person towards our costs. For more information contact Kate Kemp on 07708 014313.

ST. PETER AND ST. JAMES HOSPICE GARDEN TRAIL

The Ringmer Village Garden Trail to raise funds for the St. Peter and St. James Hospice will take place on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June from 2pm to 5.30pm each day. Tickets cost £6 and are available online at stpjhospice.org, from Freeman Forman or on the day at 1 Mill Gardens, BN8 5JD. Teas and plants will be available at Howells Bank Cottage, Broyle Lane, BN8 5AB. Teresa Keen says: "This is a fantastic opportunity to encounter friends you may not have seen for a while. I have fond memories of the trail in the COVID era when my garden was buzzing with people catching up on news. I felt as though I was hosting a garden party without the bother of preparing dainty bits of food. Please do come and help re-create that lovely sociability while raising funds for such a worthwhile cause."

RINGMER DRAMATIC SOCIETY NEW PRODUCTION

The next production by the Dramatic Society is *Moving On*, written and directed by Neil Way. The plot revolves around a day in the lives of a family in transition. As the play unfolds, it becomes clear it's the day of Millie's mother's funeral and the audience follows the interaction between the family and visitors as they navigate the overlap of shared pasts and futures.

The script readthrough is on 19 June at 7pm and auditions will be held on 26 and 28 June at the same time and venue. All are welcome to find out more about getting involved with this play and the society in general. Email ringmerdramatic@outlook.com for more information.

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NEWS FROM RINGMER VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Liz Owen says: "We ran our first health talk in May, when Professor Richard Vincent gave a very interesting talk about heart health and problems, and displayed some old and fascinating medical equipment. We'd like to thank him for giving up his time to educate, entertain and inform everyone who attended.

"There will be health checks in the library on Thursday 27 June (see pXX for full details) and on Saturday 29 June, there will be a defibrillator training session at 2pm. Please book your place for these at the library desk or by emailing ringmervillagelibrary@mail.com

"Following flooding, the refurbishment programme for the Jack Hart Hall, foyer and library starts in earnest in August and we hope this will cause minimal disruption. The works to strip out the water-damaged floor will commence on 3 August and a new floor will be installed, lined and sealed. Pedestrians are likely to be diverted away from the path running beside the Jack Hart Hall for their own safety during this time. We also need to fit new skirting, curtains, uplighters and redecorate and hope to get the main hall fully back in action by 8 September at the latest. During the latter half of August, the Symons Hall floor will also be sanded and resealed as part of the planned maintenance programme, which unfortunately will coincide with the work on the Jack Hart Hall."

RINGMER AGAINST GREENFIELD EXPLOITATION (RAGE) UPDATE

Firstly, thank you so much for donations received following an appeal in our last RAGE newsletter. We have run the campaign on a proverbial shoestring so far but, as the assaults on our village intensify, our main concern is to accumulate funds to allow some commissioning of reports from expert consultants on issues including, but not limited to, traffic flows, sewage and developer access. All funds raised will be spent entirely on furthering the objectives of RAGE. One other plan in progress is a signage campaign in and around the area to raise awareness of the threat to our greenfields and village character.

Secondly, now is the time to submit comments concerning the proposed development next to the Green Man/Opposite Kings Academy (LW/23/0752). We need to show Ringmer is still serious about being listened to in the context of speculative developments as well as the Local Plan. If you need inspiration, please go to the latest RAGE newsletter at ringmergreenfields.org, which suggests the most troubling aspects of this scheme which relate to the unsuitability of the site, the poor design and the ongoing problems relating to our existing infrastructure. You can also use the live link in the newsletter to submit your comments as soon as possible please.

Thirdly, look out for further communications about Lewes District Council, special measures and the likely impact on campaigns to preserve Ringmer as a village. Head online to join us.

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FINGERPOST FIELD – The new skate park is awaiting construction due to access issues from the B2192 and availability of certain contractors. The new Play Park will start construction on Monday 4 June and should last four weeks.

JUBILEE GARDENS – We're working with Goldcliff Garden Centre to restock the flowerbeds. If you would like to help with the planting and routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens please contact the Clerk on 01273 813242.

THE ALMOND FIELD – Now open to residents. Access is from the public footpath in the New Cemetery. At the request of the family and as the area is a designated SDNPA Call for Nature Site, dogs are not allowed in the field. Over time we will support work to increase the biodiversity of the field. Contact the Clerk to get involved (details as above).

PARKING – We're requesting a parking review by East Sussex Highways to consider parking restrictions at the junction of Gote, Harrisons and Potato Lanes.

PICNIC ON THE GREEN – Following last year's popular event, we're organising another on Monday 25 August between 12.30pm and 5pm. Keep the date free.

WILDFLOWER RINGMER UPDATE

Did you know that one in six British species are at risk of extinction? Such is the level of concern that 150 organisations, including the Wildlife Trust, RSPB and National Trust, have come together to organise a March for nature in London on Saturday 22 June. It aims to be the biggest gathering of people for nature the UK has ever seen. This will be both a celebration of British nature and a protest calling for urgent political action to Restore Nature Now.

So, what has this got to do with Wildflower Ringmer and our village? As Reverend Bouskill suggested in last month's magazine, if we all leave even a little bit of our gardens or road verges for nature, together like a colony of worker ants we can make a big difference. If you have let your grass grow for No Mow May why not continue to Let it Bloom June?

Our wildflower areas continue to flourish. We are pleased to report that the new contractor has worked with us to restore the attractive curves on the Village Green. We are continuing to manage the grass and introduce new native perennial wildflowers. Unfortunately Sadlers Way Green will be disrupted by construction work next month to put in new drainage. We are grateful to the Clerk at the Parish Council who is liaising with the contractor to hopefully minimise damage to our areas. This month let's all do our bit to Restore Nature Now!

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LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Lewes District Councillor Emily O'Brien gives an update on various village matters.

WHEELIE BIN ROLLOUT - The rollout of new wheelie bins has been very successful, albeit with a couple of inevitable teething issues. As ever, if you have problems with council services or getting an answer you can ask your Councillor for help and we can encourage officers to respond. There's also info online at lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/wheeliebins. Thanks to those who took the time to thank our officers who have done an amazing job on such a logistical nightmare – with very few complaints received.

BISHOPS LANE - Watching the Thakeham development, which few wanted, which the council reused, and which was allowed by the Government Inspector at appeal, begin construction is particularly galling with the inevitable multiple issues around access on top of the usual large site construction issues – the same problems which made the development unsuitable in the first place.

The first liaison group meeting, which Cllr Lucy Agace attended as District Councillor, is proving to be as useful as previous such groups, for ironing out issues that can be tackled. In better news, permanent double yellow lines at the corner of Bishops Lane have finally been agreed by the county council, however the original request was for a longer stretch and I've written to ask if they can be considered for the extension in the next round, but good news meanwhile.

'SPECIAL MEASURES' - We were disappointed that Government decided to put Lewes District Council into 'special measures' because of the number of developments like the Thakeham one, which the Council overturned then the Government Inspector let through against local wishes. It does feel somewhat like being punished by the government for defending the district against unwanted development. Do get in touch if you have any concerns.

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RINGMER PAST TIMES



Continuing the series of old photographs of Ringmer, courtesy of Ringmer History Group.

This photo was taken in 1891 by the Ringmer photographer, dancing teacher and antiquarian bookseller Frank Burgess from his house Ashcroft, next to the Village Hall. It shows a row of old cottages on Ringmer Green, where Springett Cottages now stand.

You can just make out the east end of the church. A 17th century house built on the Green, probably by one of the brickmakers who created the Delves ponds, had been subdivided into three cottages, and then early in the 19th century four more cottages added at an angle within the garden. The later cottages have sash windows. In 1891 this property was purchased by the Quaker Miss Rickmans of Wellingham House, demolished, and replaced by the terrace of five model workman's cottages that we have today. Frank Burgess captured the start of the demolition - the workman up the ladder has started removing the windows for recycling. In those days as little as possible was wasted.

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