

### **News from Westerham**

#### Sunday 14th September, Second of Creationtide

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill Readings: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Luke 15.1-10

**10.30am,** *2nd Sunday* **at Westerham:** our informal service of word, prayer and praise. Songs, worship and craft activities with refreshments available throughout. This month we will include making bug hotels as we celebrate Creationtide.

Day	Time	What's on at St Mary's this week?
Wed to Sat	9.00 - 9.30am	Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings. No MP on Tuesday this week.
Tuesday	10am - 12.00pm	<b>Coffee Time</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship
	7.45pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	10am	Midweek Communion: a said service
	10am to 12pm	<b>Jigsaw Group</b> at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	7pm	NO Choir practice

# Sunday 21st September, Third of Creationtide/Feast of Matthew 10.00am, Holy Communion at Crockham Hill

**10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham:** in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards. Everybody's welcome.

Readings: Jeremiah 8.18-9.1; Luke 16.1-13

**The next PCC meeting** will be on Wednesday 24th September. Please send any agenda items to the Benefice Office by Monday 15th September.

**Rotas:** The new rotas covering September— November are now online to view. If you don't find it easy or possible to access the rotas on Google-sheets, there is always a printed copy of the current month on the eagle lectern, under the Bible. If you have any queries, contact Bruce. If you would like to join the sidespeople and/or the intercessions (prayer) rota, please speak to Revd Dave/Revd Wendy/Bruce.

Wednesday 1st October, 7pm for 7.30pm: St Mary's fundraising quiz at The Grasshopper on The Green. This is now sold out, but donations of raffle prizes (especially alcohol) would be very much appreciated.

It's Your Calling: Saturday 4th October, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St John's Meopham. These days are aimed at those exploring where God may be calling and looks at our journey and the gifts that God has given us, as well as the Biblical understanding of vocation. It gives an opportunity to meet others on a similar quest and to take time to think where God could be calling. Please speak to Revd Dave if you are interested.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on **Sunday 5th October**. Any offerings (non-perishable goods only) will be donated to the Westerham Foodbank.

#### A Prayer for Peace

God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those



who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

## Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday Contact Us

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