

The St. Martin's Church, Aldington Newsletter

NewsExtra

Prayer Chain no. 07470 131072

Today:

Worship Service, 10.45am led by Shirley with Anne preaching.

Readings:

First reading: Exodus 24:12-end

Gospel reading: Matthew 17:1-9 - Amelia

Songs:

Light of the world

Revelation song

Holy Ground

Be Thou my vision

All heaven declares

At the name of Jesus

This Week:

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday):

12 noon Holy Communion Ashing Service - Orlestone

7.30pm Deanery Ashing service (no Holy Communion)

C of GS Hamstreet

Next Sunday:

Communion Service, 10.45am led by Sue T with Revd. Geoff Abasolo-Munnery preaching and officiating at the Communion.

Future Events:

Sunday 1st March, 10.30am. Service of Thanksgiving & Dedication with Bishop Rose at Ruckinge
(Please note there will **NOT** be a service in Aldington Village Hall or St. Martin's on this Sunday).

Saturday 4th April, 8pm Baptism and Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Eucharist in St. Martin's.

It has been the ancient tradition of the Church that baptisms, in particular adult baptisms, take place on Easter Eve (Holy Saturday). It is a source of great joy that we already have two older teenage boys who have expressed a desire to be baptised this Easter. We would invite anyone else who would be interested in entering fully into the life of the church through bap-

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tism at this service to contact Geoff ASAP. He will be starting baptism preparation with all potential candidates on 1st March, and every Sunday during that month.

Sunday 5th April, 10.00am. An Easter service of celebration in St. Martin's. (Please note this will not be a Communion Service).

Easter Fun Day:

Our Easter Fun Day this year is on **Saturday 4th April, 10am - 12.30pm**. If anyone is able to help on the day including serving the refreshments and/or make cakes, please sign the lists on the coffee bar at church.

If there is something particular in the news or on your heart that you feel that we should all be praying for or about, please email Sue L so that it can be included the following week. regoreus74@gmail.com

Prayer diary for week beginning 15th February 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>The Village Our Communities</i>	<i>Families & Friends</i>	<i>The UK</i>	<i>World Affairs</i>	<i>The Church</i>	<i>Groups/Activities</i>	<i>Health, Wellbeing & Conservation</i>
Aldington Fire & Rescue Half Term holiday activities	Blended families Relationships Kalfan	The Armed Forces Emergency Services Violence in schools	European defence package Humanitarian situation in Cuba	The leaders of Aldington Evangelical Mission The Benefice	Winter Olympics Aid Workers around the world	Support and protection of the vulnerable in our communities Our own health

This diary is not intended to replace the prayer chain and personal prayers should still be requested in the usual way.

Rotas for Sunday 22nd February 2026	
Coffee	Carol
Flowers	Lent – no flowers
Cleaning	Carol
Readers	Sue T/Peter
Prayers	Pauline

Lent Services:

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday):

12 noon Holy Communion Ashing Service - Orlestone
7.30pm Deanery Ashing service (no Holy Communion)
C of GS Hamstreet

Thursday 26th February:

6pm Lent Taize Service - Bonnington

Sunday 1st March – Service of Thanksgiving & Dedication with Bishop Rose - 10.30am - Ruckinge
(Please note there will NOT be a service at St. Martin's on this Sunday).

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday - 10am - Benefice
Holy Communion Service - Warehorne (No service at St. Martin's)

Lent Course 2026:

Praying by Heart – The Lord's Prayer for Everyone

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm

- 26 Feb: St. Rumwold's, Bonnington
- 5 Mar: St. Matthew's, Warehorne
- 12 Mar: Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet
- 19 Mar: St. Martin's, Aldington
- 26 Mar: St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

Explore the Lord's Prayer together, inspired by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's book.

All welcome!

Parish Share Review Consultation

We are inviting members of Synod, Clergy, PCC and Deanery Treasurers, and PCC members to take part in two online meetings with the overall objective of improving Parish Share allocation across our diocese.

The consultation needs your attendance on both of the following date:

- Thursday 16 April, 12:00–2:00 pm

If you would like to be part of the consultation process, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know your details on the [Parish Share Review Consultation Form](#).

Holy Week Services:

2nd April - Maundy Thursday - 7pm - Eucharist of the Last Supper - Bilsington

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**3rd April - Good Friday - 10am - Walk of Witness and Ecumenical Service - Hamstreet**  
**2pm - Last Hour solemn liturgy - Bonnington**

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4th April - Holy Saturday - 8pm - Easter Vigil with Eucharist - Aldington

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**5th April - Easter Sunday - 10am - Easter Celebration at St. Martin's**

| <b>SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Next Before Lent</b><br><b>Proper 2</b><br><b>Quinquagesima</b><br>(Green) | 9.00am Holy Communion<br>9.00 am Holy Communion<br>10.30am Holy Communion CofE<br>10.30am Prayer, Praise and Coffee<br>10.45am Worship Service | St. Rumwold, Bonnington<br>St. Mary, Orlestone<br>Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet<br>St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge<br>St. Martin, Aldington        |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>(Purple/Lenten Array)                                              | 12.00 noon Benefice CW Holy Communion with Ashing<br>7.30pm Deanery Service with Ashing                                                        | St. Mary, Orlestone<br>Church of the Good shepherd, Hamstreet                                                                                            |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b><br><b>Lent I</b><br>(Purple/LA)                                                  | 9.00am BCP Holy Communion<br>10.30am BCP Communion<br>10.30am Morning Worship<br>10.45am Holy Communion<br>6.30pm Evensong                     | SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington<br>St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge<br>Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet<br>St. Martin, Aldington<br>St. Matthew, Warehorne |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                                                                                | 6.00 pm Taize Prayer<br>7.00 pm Lent course                                                                                                    | St. Rumwold, Bonnington<br>St. Rumwold, Bonnington                                                                                                       |

**Benefice Holy Communion 12 noon commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February and thereafter each Wednesday at St. Mary, Orlestone all welcome.**