



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



News from Westerham

Sunday 15th February, Next before Lent

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: 2 Peter 1:16-end; Matthew 17:1-9

Day	Time	What's on at St Mary's this week?
Tues to Sat	9.00 - 9.30am	Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings.
Tuesday	10am - 12pm	Coffee Time at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship
	7.45pm	Bell ringing practice
Ash Wednesday		10.00am, Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at Westerham 6.00pm, The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday at Crockham Hill Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; John 8:1-11
	10am to 12pm	Jigsaw Group at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	7pm	Choir practice in the John Fryth Room
Friday	5pm	Stations of the Cross at Westerham

Sunday 22nd February, First of Lent

8.00am, Traditional Communion at Westerham: a said service

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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm, Licensing of the Revd Emma Wylie at Westerham. Please come along to welcome Revd Emma and her family to the Benefice. Join us for refreshments after the service— everybody's welcome.

Readings: Micah 6:6-8; James 2:14-18.

Sunday 1st March at 10am: Welcome Eucharist for Revd Emma at Crockham Hill

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever life is like for you, however you experience yourself; regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you are welcome to every service in both our churches.

News from the Organ Working Group. The Diocesan Advisory Committee. has already agreed to our application to refurbish our historic organ and the public consultation period ends this week. Thank you to everyone who has submitted supportive comments. We hope to have further news from the Diocese in the next week.

It's Your Calling: The next day for exploring how God is calling you is on **Saturday 28th February** at the St Benedict's Centre. God's people are a pilgrim people, and we are all called to on the move, spiritually and in vocation. The new year is the perfect moment to spend some time with others, asking God to show us what new thing he is calling us to. **Speak to Revd Dave if you think this might be for you.**

A Prayer for Peace: God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, the DR of Congo 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, protect and provide for them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Please note that the **Benefice Office will be closed** from 1pm on Friday 20th February until Monday 2nd March. The next newsletter will be a double edition covering the period from 21st February to 7th March. Please submit any items to the Benefice Office by 12pm on Wednesday 18th February.

Deadline for newsletter items: 12 noon on Wednesday

Contact Us

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Open Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am to 1pm. **Closed Thursday**

Website: www.chwbenefice.org

REV. EMMA WYLIE + CO WALK



Diocese of Rochester
called together

PLAISTOW (LONDON) TO CROCKHAM HILL (KENT)

JOIN , PRAY, DONATE TO CHARITY

When?

- Februrary 13th and 14th
- time TBC

Where?

- **from** her current parish of Plaistow (East London)
- **to** her new benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham

Why?

- For the love of walking
- as a spiritual practice - sort of pilgrimage - time to pray and meet with God in creation
- to help to process the leaving of one place and community and the joining of a new one
- to say goodbye
- to say hello!
- to get to know new places and new people
- to enjoy the space
- why not?

So what? ... how to be involved

If you would like to be part of this you could :

- Join us! Please feel free to join us on a break or walk a part of the journey with us.
- feel free to text or WhatsApp for info 07982723539 on how to meet at appropriate points on the route
- send us off or meet us at the end
- pray for us, for Plaistow, Westerham, Crockham Hill
- 'sponsor' me - this is a chance to raise some money for the diocese of Rochester overseas links (see below)



Companion dioceses

The Diocese of Rochester values the lively, long-established links with the Dioceses of Harare (Zimbabwe), Kondo and Mwapwa (Tanzania) and with the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, through which we learn of one another's history, culture and needs, and share our resources.

More about these links – and the opportunities for you, your parish or school to get involved - can be found at:

<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/overseas-links/>

Please give generously if you can. Donations can be made by texting LINKS followed by your donation amount to 70085; using the QR Code; or online at

[Diocese of Rochester Overseas Links | Stewardship.](#)

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COME AND SING STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WESTERHAM

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2026

Devotional Performance 6pm

Choir Rehearsal 4pm

Conducted by Daniel Eaton

Tenor: Joshua Gahan

Bass: Oliver Davis

Organ: Alex Trigg

Admission free for singers and audience

Suggested donation £5

Dress code for singers: 'Suitably Sombre'

Please bring your own scores if you can although we can provide
these if necessary

Singers sign up by sending an email to office@chwbenefice.org
or by phoning 01959 561330

Please indicate your voice part when you sign up

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