



**“NEWS from the PEWS”**  
**The Parish of POSTLING**  
Part of the Elham Valley Group of Churches

**May-  
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2026**

*The Bi-monthly Newsletter of St. Mary & St. Radegund's Church, Postling*

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**The 2026 Postling Open Gardens are on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Lots of willing volunteers will be needed to help on both days to make this weekend as special and successful as ever for the village and our many visitors. **All offers of help are gratefully accepted- baking a cake or two, helping with parking, the barbecue etc.** If you can help, please email Annette Battersby at [annette.battersby6260@gmail.com](mailto:annette.battersby6260@gmail.com) or Anne Spratling at [anne@eastofindia.co.uk](mailto:anne@eastofindia.co.uk)

**We also need a number of tombola prizes**, like unopened gifts sets and bottles bought on holiday and never opened. Please let Anne or Annette know if you have something to offer. And come on the day, bringing your family and friends!

***Save the Date! The Annual Postling Progressive Supper will take place on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Personal invitations to all will follow. Do come and join in with this wonderful village event***

**POSTLING LADIES COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING**

The Coffee mornings continue to raise funds for the Pilgrims' Hospices. They will resume in March on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. The next two dates are the 9<sup>th</sup> May and the 13<sup>th</sup> June

The **Craft Days** continue on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall from 10am to 4pm. The next one is the 2<sup>nd</sup> May . There will be no craft day in June because of the Open Gardens, but the July date is confirmed for the 4<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like more details or to know what activities there will be, please message Anne on 07795 555486.

**Happy Hours** continue every month. The next ones will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, from 6-7pm in the Church.

If you would like to host a Happy Hour, please do let us know.

## Church Services in May-June 2026

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
8.30am Breakfast Service

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
No Service in Postling

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
No Service in Postling

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
8.30am Breakfast Service

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
8.30am Breakfast Service

### **Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota**

April 25 <sup>th</sup> and May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Malliet and Sarah
May 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nikki, Jane and Margaret
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>	Anne and Genny
June 6 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sachiyo and Maria
June 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny H and Denise

Pilgrims occasionally spend the night in our church, some of them walking the Old Way from Southampton to Canterbury.

In April five friends were walking from Ham Street to Canterbury, while earlier in the month, a lone pilgrim had begun her walk in Southampton, and was planning to finish in..... Rome .

Many others pass through during the day, often commenting how good it is that the church is open.

### **Thank you:**

**To Christine Hobbs who opens and closes the church each day during the summer months**

**To Nikki Clark and her team who make sure that there are fresh flowers in the church every week-end**

**And to Paul Hayward and Philip Stevens who cut the church grass and keep the churchyard looking beautiful**

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