

## The St. Martin's Church, Aldington Newsletter

# NewsExtra

Prayer Chain no. 07470 131072

### Today:

**Family Fun Service 9.45am for 10am**, in Aldington Village Hall led by Pauline

#### Readings:

Matthew 16:13-19a  
John 14: 1-14

#### Songs:

Waymaker - Leyland  
Living Hope - Phil Wickham  
Because of You - Paul Oakley

### This Week:

**Wednesday 6th May, 7.30pm.** Bible Study resumes at the Mission Hall on Forge Hill. Chrisy is planning to delve into the book of Kings. All are welcome.

**Saturday 9th May, 10am - 12.30pm, Coffee Morning with Table Top and Craft Sale.** Please sign the lists on the coffee bar if you can help on the day and/or make cakes to be sold.

### Next Sunday:

**Communion Service, 10.45am.** Led by Sue T with either Revd. Geoff Abasolo-Munnery or Rev. Canon John Saunders preaching and officiating at the Communion.

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### Rotas for Sunday 10th May 2026

Coffee	Jane
Flowers	Pauline
Cleaning	Pauline
Readers	Dave/Jo
Prayers	Chrisy

### Healing Service:

You are warmly invited to join us for a service of healing and wholeness which will be attended by Helen Jones, Chaplain at the Living Well, on **Sunday 17th May at 3.30pm in St. Martin's Church, Aldington**. All of us have suffered in some way in our lives including through bereavement, relationship breakdown, and physical and mental health challenges to name but a few. You are encouraged to join us for this service as we ask God to bless and heal us. There will be an opportunity for the laying on of hands, anointing for those who would like this ministry, and prayer after the service.

Please look at this information and let Geoff, John and Anne know if you would be interested in being part of this.

### The Welcome Directory

A [letter from Bishop Rachel Treweek](#), Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons, is being shared to encourage churches to register with The Welcome Directory and offer a safe, non-judgmental welcome to people leaving prison.

The Directory connects prison leavers with churches and faith communities willing to offer a genuine welcome and appropriate support as people reintegrate into community life. By registering, churches are not simply adding themselves to a list, but publicly committing to being safe, non-judgmental places that understand the complexities of life after prison and seek to support healing, dignity and hope.

<b>SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR MAY 2026</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 5</b> <b>fourth after Easter</b> <i>(White)</i>	9.00am CW Holy Communion 9.00 am Holy Communion BCP 10.00am Family Fun Service 10.30am Parish Communion 10.30am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Marriage Vows Renewal Service	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Matthew, Warehorne Village Hall, Aldington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 6</b> <b>Fifth after Easter</b> <b>Rogation Sunday</b> <i>(White)</i>	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	7.00 pm Holy Communion	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter 7</b> <b>Sunday after Ascension</b> <b>Day</b> <i>(White)</i>	9.00am CW Holy Communion 9.00 am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Matins 10.45am Worship Service	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary, Orlestone St. Mary, Kenardington Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge St. Martin, Aldington
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</b> <i>(Red)</i>	9.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am "Café church" 10.45am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington St. Matthew, Warehorne
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <i>(Gold/White)</i>	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion	St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

**Midweek Benefice Holy Communion Service at 12 noon every Wednesday at St. Mary Orlestone ALL WELCOME**

**Key Events:**  
**Coffee mornings at St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge starting Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 11.30 am all welcome.**  
**Tuesdays Together May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm Harp Recital, St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge.**  
**St. Rumwolds, Bonnington Monday mornings 10 am – 12 midday, Dog Walkers, cyclists, Ramblers, coffee stop.**

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](mailto:regoreus74@gmail.com)

<b>Prayer diary for week beginning 3rd May 2026</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<i>The Village Our Communities</i>	<i>Families &amp; Friends</i>	<i>The UK</i>	<i>World Affairs</i>	<i>The Church</i>	<i>Groups/Activities</i>	<i>Health, Wellbeing &amp; Conservation</i>
Family Fun Service in the Village Hall Evegate Business Park	Tolerance & Understanding Anyone sick and waiting for treatment	The Economy The Falkland Islands The Security Service	Peace, protection and hope to all those who live in fear from conflict and violence	Coffee & Craft Morning on Saturday Growth in our churches	Save the Children Sports & Social clubs	Anxiety and insomnia sufferers Greenpeace

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

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**St Martin's Church Aldington**  
invites you to our

**COFFEE  
MORNING**  
With  
**Table Top and  
Craft Sale**

**Aldington Village Hall**  
**Sat 9th May 2026**  
**10 -12.30pm**

**£6 PER TABLE.**  
**TO BOOK PLEASE CALL:**  
**Sue 07850 187548**

This is being led by Neville Emsley and I can personally say what a wonderful and inspirational speaker he is.

**Prayer Festival: Exploring Different Ways of Praying**

Saturday 30 May 2026, 10am-4pm

St Benedicts Centre (West Malling) and West Malling Abbey

Suggested Donation: £10 - £20

Keynote Speaker: Neville Emslie (Canterbury Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry)

Workshops include:

- Pilgrimage
- Christian Meditation
- Celtic Prayer
- Praying with Dreams

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