

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

# NewsExtra

Prayer Chain no. 07470 131072

### Today:

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

#### Readings:

1st Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

#### Songs:

Praise is rising

Goodness of God

Holy Forever

Cornerstone

Lord's Prayer - Matt Maher

In Christ alone

### This Week:

**Wednesday 19th August, 7.30pm**, Bible Study will continue this week looking at the book of Kings. We will meet in the Mission Hall on Forge Hill.

### Next Sunday:

**Communion Service, 10.45am**, with Rev. Anne Loat preaching and Rev. Canon John Saunders presiding at the Communion.

### Future Events:

**Saturday 12th September, 10am - 6pm** the annual **Ride and Stride** sponsored event for Friends of Kent Churches. Volunteers are needed at St. Martin's from to welcome riders and walkers. Please save the date.

**Saturday 12th September, 10am - 12.30pm. Coffee Morning with Craft and Table Top Sale.** Sign-up sheets for making cakes and/or helping on the day will be available nearer the time.

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### INEQE Safeguarding Audit 2026

Every diocese in the Church of England either has or will be taking part in a [safeguarding audit programme](#). These independent audits are conducted by the INEQE Safeguarding Group and the site visit for the Diocese of Canterbury will take place in **November 2026**.

The audits are an important part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and accountability.

Please complete the survey

The auditors would like to hear from as many people as possible as your views matter – please complete the survey(s) [on the INEQE website](#) which are relevant to your role.



The surveys **close on 9 September** and your responses will help inform the recommendations of the Audit.

### Rotas for Sunday 23rd August

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| Coffee   | Sharon      |
| Flowers  | Angie       |
| Cleaning | Colin & Joy |
| Readers  |             |
| Prayers  |             |

**SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2026**

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| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Trinity 11</b><br>Proper 15<br>(Green) | 9.00am CW Holy Communion<br>9.00 am Holy Communion<br>9.30am Worship Service<br>10.00am Family Service<br>10.30am Holy Communion<br>10.45am Worship Service | St. Rumwold, Bonnington<br>St. Mary, Orlestone<br>St. Mary, Kenardington<br>St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge<br>Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet<br>St. Martin, Aldington |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b><br><b>Trinity 12</b><br>Proper 16<br>(Green) | 10.30am BCP Holy Communion<br>10.30am Morning Worship<br>10.30am Holy Communion<br>6.30pm Evensong                                                          | St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge<br>Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet<br>St. Martin, Aldington<br>St. Matthew, Warehorne                                                   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup> August</b><br><b>Trinity 13</b><br>Proper 17<br>(Green) | 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion                                                                                                                             | St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge                                                                                                                                                |

**Key Events:** Coffee mornings at St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge every Saturday from 10am to 11.30 am all welcome

St. Rumwold, Bonnington Monday mornings 10 am – 12 midday, Dog Walkers, cyclists, Ramblers, coffee stop

Tuesdays Together August 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 11.30 am with childrens activities. St. Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge

At **KOVA**, we work at the intersection of faith and film, helping connect churches with inspiring, values-based stories that can engage congregations and communities alike.

We're especially excited to share news about the upcoming cinema release of **DAVID**.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_4rTYKFHmo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_4rTYKFHmo)

We're delighted to announce that **DAVID** arrives in **UK & Ireland cinemas on 21 August**.

Following its global success, the film has **grossed nearly \$88 million worldwide**, making it **Angel Studios'** biggest-ever opening. Now audiences on this side of the pond will finally have the chance to experience this breathtaking animated retelling of one of the Bible's most beloved stories.

Featuring the iconic voice of Phil Wickham, alongside Lauren Daigle, Asim Chaudhry, and Brandon Engman, **DAVID** follows the remarkable journey of the young shepherd whose faith and courage lead him to become king.

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)

**Prayer diary for week beginning 16th August 2026**

| Sunday                                                                           | Monday                                          | Tuesday                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                        | Friday                                                                      | Saturday                                                                  |
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| <i>The Village<br/>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<br/>&amp; Conservation</i>                           |
| Local Businesses<br>and the Self Employed<br><br>Village Stores &<br>Post Office | Empathy &<br>Compassion<br><br>Blended families | Emergency<br>Services<br><br>The Armed<br>Forces<br><br>The Homeless | Healthcare challenges in remote areas<br><br>Bless All young people across the Anglican community & beyond. | Give thanks for the faith & courage of those who inspire others in trust, humility and service. | Good News for Everyone<br>(Formerly Gideons)<br><br>Exercise & dance groups | Doctors with Borders (MSF)<br><br>Anyone feeling lonely, alone or afraid. |

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

Please send items for inclusion in NewsExtra to: [tim.loat@outlook.com](mailto:tim.loat@outlook.com)

## Recognised Lay Ministry Courses – Approaching Application Deadlines

A number of recognised lay ministry courses have closing dates in August and September 2026. Details of these and other courses are below.

### Deepening Discipleship

Explore your journey of discipleship and unique calling and gifts, identify key gospel discipleship practices as a basis of service and reflect on the growth and development of Christian communities.

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| Sept-Oct | Weds  | 7pm-8.30pm | Zoom                       | <a href="#">application</a> | <b>3 August, a few places still available</b> |
| Oct-Dec  | Thurs | 7pm-8.30pm | Diocesan House, Canterbury | <a href="#">application</a> | <b>17 September</b>                           |

For more information on Deepening Discipleship [click here](#)

### Lay Worship Leader Course

Hybrid Delivery: 3 x Saturday face-to-face sessions (Canterbury) 6 x online Wednesday evening sessions (Zoom). **Closing Date 24 August**

Facilitated by Stephen Hardy, Sarah Emmanuel and Nigel Collins

A course to equip lay people to prepare and lead worship in church and less formal settings. Suited to those new to this ministry and also as a refresher for those with some experience. For more information visit the Diocesan [Lay Worship Ministry](#) Webpage

### Anna Chaplaincy Course (October – November)

Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm. **Closing Date: 24 August**

A six session online (Zoom) course for those (lay or ordained) called to ministry with older people. Content includes:

- An introduction to Anna Chaplaincy
- The Spirituality of aging

Chaplaincy skills in working with older people

For course information (including dates) and an application form visit the Diocesan [Anna Chaplaincy webpage](#).

### Lay Funeral Ministry – Closing Date 14 September

A course for Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and experienced worship leaders on the recommendation of their incumbents and with PCC support. Successful completion will lead to diocesan authorisation with local recognition and support. Applicants will be interviewed prior to acceptance on the course.

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| 24 October | 10am-4pm   | Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ |
| 6 March    | 10am - 4pm | Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ |
| 8 May      | 10am - 4pm | Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ |