"NEWS from the PEWS"
The Parish of POSTLING
Part of the Elham Valley Group of Churches

November-December 2026

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

Rector:	**Currently in an Interregnum :we have no Rector**
Associate Priest	**Rev. Stephen Dougal,** 07764-775507
Assistant Curate	**Rev. Sharon Paine** 07503-290552
Churchwardens	**Peter Le Feuvre** 07847-351654 and **Andrew Ferguson** 07478-220676
Treasurer	**John Ayris** 07770-667214 PCC Secretary **Sarah Nicholls**
Safeguarding Officer:	**Sarah Montgomery** 07889-703317

If you have an item about an event in the village that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact Peter Le Feuvre, Normandy, The Street, Postling. Tel. 07847-351654 or plefandsem@doctors.org.uk

Christmas in Postling 2026

Monday 21st December 3pm. The Longest Night. A quiet Service for those for whom this Christmas will be a difficult time.
Monday 21st December 7.30pm. Advent Carol Service with the Shepway Singers, followed by seasonal refreshments
Wednesday 23rd December 6pm Carol Singing round the village. Please meet at 6pm at the Village Hall with a torch
Thursday 24th December 11.30am Crib Service in the Church
Friday 25th December 9.30am Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Happenings at the Church: Update

Work has been done to seal the joint between the nave and the tower to stop water from flowing down the wall on to the medieval wall painting. A specialist has viewed the wall painting to assess for damage and his report is awaited.
Several windows have needed attention: the windows themselves, the ironwork that supports them and the stone that surrounds them. Expert restorers are currently at work.
Early in November, further specialist contractors will be working on crumbling and cracked stonework in several areas of the church.

THANK YOU!

To Christine who has been opening and closing the church during the summer months, to Paul and Philip who have cut the grass through the summer, to Malcolm and Lynn who did the two big annual cuts, and to everyone who has agreed to open and close the church throughout the winter.

Church Services in November and December

Sunday 1st November.
No Service in Postling

Sunday 8th November *Remembrance Sunday*
9.30am Holy Communion
Followed by a service at Stanford Church at 10.50am

Sunday 15th November
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November
No Service in Postling

Sunday 29th November
6pm Evening Service for Advent Sunday

Sunday 6th December
No Service in Postling

Sunday 13th December
9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th December
8.30am Morning Prayer

Monday 21st December
3pm Quiet Service for the Longest Night

Monday 21st December
7.30pm
Advent Carol Service with the Shepway Singers

Thursday 24th December *Christmas Eve*
11.30am Crib Service

Friday 25th December *Christmas Day*
9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th December
No Service in Postling

Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

November 7th and 14th	Anne and Genny
November 21st and 28th	Sachiyo and Maria
Advent- cleaning only- no flowers	
December 5th and 12th	Jenny H and Denise
December 19th and 26th	Everyone who is available, please at 10am on Saturday 19th

POSTLING LADIES COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

The last coffee morning for 2026 will be on Saturday 14th November, in the church from 10am to 12 noon. They will start again in spring 2027

There is a **Craft Day** on the first Saturday of every month in the village hall from 10am to 4pm. The next ones are on the 7th November and the 5th December (when Christmas wreaths will be made). If you would like more details, please message Anne on 07795 555486.

Happy Hours will continue through the winter unless the weather is terrible. Come and enjoy Winter Happiness on Friday 27th November and a Christmas Happy Hour on Friday 18th December, from 6-7pm in the Church.
If you would like to host a Happy Hour, please do let us know.

The Harvest Quiz was a great event and raised £370 for the church