

## CHURCH CALENDAR AND SERVICES

### MAY

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Easter IV              | Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.                             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Easter V               | Matins 10.30 a.m.                                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | ASCENSION DAY          | Holy Communion 6.00pm                                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday after Ascension | Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.                             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | WHIT SUNDAY            | Matins 10.30 a.m.                                     |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | TRINITY SUNDAY         | Benefice Service, St Mary's,<br>Gillingham 10.00 a.m. |

### JUNE

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| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Trinity I   | Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity II  | Matins 11.00 a.m.         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Trinity III | Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity IV  | Matins 11.00 a.m.         |

### JULY

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Trinity V  | Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Trinity VI | Matins 11.00 a.m.         |

All services are from the Book of Common Prayer and are at 10.30 a.m. until 7<sup>th</sup> June when, from then on, they will be at 11 a.m. every Sunday, unless otherwise stated.

*All services will be publicised on the website and may be subject to alteration.*

**Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5 p.m.**

### Times they are a changing

Nothing in life ever stays still or stays the same. Just as soon as we think we have settled into the present, it becomes the past and we are moved onto the future. Our natural world daily reminds us of how things change, as we watch the seasons pass-by, currently enjoying the warm delights of spring and new life in the flora and fauna around us. This is reflected in our church year, as we move through the season of Easter, a season of hope and expectation. A time of looking ahead and seeing how God is working in the world, where he might be acting in our lives and our communities. I no longer feel so 'new' here in the parish of Silton, and in the wider benefice, and I hope I have gotten to know many of you. I am excited about all the future will bring, as we continue to serve alongside each other in this community. One change that is coming up on the horizon is the service time moving just slightly to the right by half an hour, going from 10.30am to 11am on Sunday, still following the pattern of alternating BCP Holy Communion and Matins. This will take effect from Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. This change sits alongside similar changes in the other two churches of the benefice to allow for me, as Rector, to be able to take two services every Sunday morning. This way, I can assure, that I will be with you at St Nicolas Church twice a month, for us to worship together, to see each other, and together to discern where God is moving in this place where we are rooted. And this will create a new unity and synergy with the rest of the benefice. As it says in Isaiah:

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

**Isaiah 43:19**

As we look forward, let us plant seeds in fertile ground where God is working amongst us, looking to see where the new waters are springing up. In our worship together, our friendships and social time, our service here, God is making things new.

Rev'd Becca McDonnell.

THANK YOU . . . seem very small words to express my huge gratitude for the overwhelming gifts you all so very kindly gave me on my retirement as a churchwarden. The past 16 years have been a great privilege and pleasure, and so with my very grateful thanks for the beautiful Daphne shrubs and generous cheque, my thanks too for all the love and support given to me by everyone over the years. Thank you all so much.

With love,  
Anne

### SILTON VILLAGE HALL

**Creative Stitch:** Every 3rd Monday in the month 10 a.m.- 4.p.m. All details on Village Hall website

**Castle Hill Quilters:** Every Thursday 1.30 p.m.- 4.30.p.m.

**Friday Markets:** 10 a.m.-12.30 in the Village Hall. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Home Baked Cakes, Pies, Bread, Jams, Chutneys and Pickles as well as other goodies and of course Teas and Coffees.

**The Village Hall Calendar:** This can be viewed online - you can also now make an enquiry though the website [www.siltonvillage.co.uk](http://www.siltonvillage.co.uk).

For Village Hall enquiries contact [Sue@siltonmanor.co.uk](mailto:Sue@siltonmanor.co.uk) or Tel: 07970 865790

### SOFOS – PLANT SALE

9th May - 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Village Hall  
Plants, Cakes, Bric a Brac, Books, etc.

*Setting up Village Hall, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00 p.m.*

### PARISH MEETING

Silton Parish AGM will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6 p.m. in the Village Hall. All residents of Silton welcome.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Doctor's Surgery Footpath Clearing - Muster at Surgery 10.00 a.m.

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Anne's Retirement after 16 years as Churchwarden

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