



The benefice of
Kingsdown & Creekside
With
High Downs



Apr 5th & 12th

Parish Newsletter



Easter Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter

A Look Behind

We look further back for this week as we remember the Archbishop's Camino. The pilgrimage made by by our new Archbishop Sarah Mullally between the 17th and 22nd of March following the route of the Augustine camino. *More details can be found later.*

We saw the popularity of the Warm Hearts Gathering at Doddington as the service on the 19th is replaced by another one. This is yet another sign of the growth in community.

And while for us writing the newsletter Easter has yet to happen, we can only hope that there were yet more people joining our services.



If you have some good news out of your church, or just something you wish to share, drop us an email and it may end up here.

A Look Ahead

Services in the next few weeks

Sunday 12th April

10:30 AM

Holy Communion - Newnham

Morning Prayers - Throwley

Holy Communion - Oare

All Together Now - Lynsted

Sunday 19th April

9:00 AM

Breakfast Church - Oare

10:30 AM

Holy Communion - Teynham

Holy Communion - Norton

Morning Worship - Eastling

Warm Hearts Gathering - Doddington

Sunday 26th April

10:30 AM

Lynsted Family Communion

Morning Worship - Newnham

Morning Worship - Oare

Holy Communion - Throwley

We hope to see you again at any of our upcoming services.

A lot of things happen in the life of a church, here we take a small break to acknowledge the larger events.

Life Events

Baptisms where we welcome others into the family of God for the first time. Weddings where we celebrate the beautiful moment where two people choose to join their lives together. And, funerals, where we bid farewell to those who have sadly passed, and pray that their families take peace in the knowledge of heaven and the peace of Christ.



In the coming weeks we pray a welcome for:

Ena Perkins on the 19th April in Teynham and, Kenneth Mackenzie Evans West on the 25th April.

If you or someone you know would like to know about arranging a baptism, wedding, or funeral in our benefice contact our administrator Joyce (Details on the back page).

Stay In Touch



Our Ministry Leadership Team would be happy to pray for you or someone close to you. If you want to get in touch all the contact information is below.



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Teynham	- Bob Prichard	- 01795 522 168
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Prayer

April 5th	Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Open our eyes to see resurrection and new life even in the bleakest of times and places.
April 6th	Giving thanks for the opportunities that a bank holiday brings for rest, refreshment and renewal.
April 7th	We pray for the start of a new financial year and recognising that all things come from you, we ask that you show us how to use our money wisely and for your glory.
April 8th	We remember all those who have made the decision to leave their homeland in the hope of finding safety in a foreign land. Help us to look for ways that ensure no-one lives in fear.
April 9th	Bless the Family Film afternoon at Lynsted and giving thanks for the joy of shared experiences.
April 10th	Praying for Christians in politics and the media that they may know how to act and what to say to be true to God.
April 11th	Giving thanks for those who work at nighttime and at weekends to ensure that our health services are maintained when we need them

Diary

April 12th	May the joy that we felt on Easter Day encourage our worship together today and renew us in our mission to bring the good news to everyone, everywhere.
April 13th	Praying for those who don't know where they will sleep tonight and for whom every day feels like a new battle.
April 14th	Praying for all who are angry and don't know how to manage themselves.
April 15th	Praying for all who suffer anxiety and depression and cannot feel hope.
April 16th	Praying for all who suffer chronic illness and pain and for whom each day is uncertain.
April 17th	Thank you for those who look for ways to improve life; for the imagination of inventors, scientists and everyone who is led to wonder 'what if....?'
April 18th	Bless Pizza & Praise at Lynsted Church that it might be an uplifting time of deepening connections.

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

At Newnham Church

Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

To mark the week this year, which runs from 6th – 14th June, Newnham Church would like to host some exhibits and displays concerning the environment, ecology and nature for which we are seeking contributors from the local community.

Potential subjects include:

- A Local organisation whose activities you would like to publicise, or perhaps those of a relevant charity
- Information you have about our local environment that you would like to share with others
- How to live an eco-friendlier lifestyle
- Your own Photos, Drawings, Paintings or sculptures on the theme of nature

This event can only succeed with your help, if you would like to participate contact Bruce Leckie
(Details on back page)




Pilates Classes

Pilates Mat Classes available to book in Lynsted Church.

For more information, times, and pricing, and to book check:
<https://www.revitaliseu-kent.co.uk/our-classes/>





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Warm Hearts Gathering

SUNDAY **APRIL** 10:30-11:30
19th

Doddington Village Hall

Refreshments, time to chat,
craft & fellowship

Celebrating Spring

See you there

Book Exchange



The aim of the book exchange is to enable people to pass on a good read and in turn, maybe, pick up another

The books are available to anyone for no cost and no obligation to provide a book in exchange.

However, if you do have a that you have finished that you think others might enjoy then please bring it along

Please feel free to join us, tea and coffee is available, and a chance for a nice chat.

Where: Oare Village Hall

When: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: Anytime between 10am and 12pm

GATEHOUSE CAFE

**HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH AT
LYNSTED CHURCH**



Full English Breakfast - £8

*Sausage, bacon, hash brown,
mushroom, tomato, beans, black
pudding, toast plus tea/coffee*

9am-12 noon

Other options available



Next Session

18th

April

A new group for teen ages 11-17, with a modern take on worship, craft/games, and food, and an opportunity to socialise.

Our goal is to work together to make the group everything for everyone who attends.

Meeting inside of Lynsted Church on Saturday evenings from 4-6PM

For more information you can
Email: youth@kc-hd.org.uk
Call: Francette on 07929 511596
Or simply come along to our next session.



Together in Boots

Join us for a monthly mindful walk
through woodland

**Leaving Doddington Church at 2pm
and returning for tea & cake at 2.45pm**

Humans and well-behaved dogs all welcome



Friday 25th April

Enquiries to Lissie on 07790 287878
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The Archbishop's Camino

Continued from A Look Behind...

She was accompanied by our Rector Paula from Kingsdown to Newnham, pausing for refreshments in Doddington. A little delayed by the fog making hard to navigate the countryside, by the time they reached Newnham there was just enough time for a short prayer before the Archbishop was whisked away by her support vehicle to make an appointment at Ospringe School.



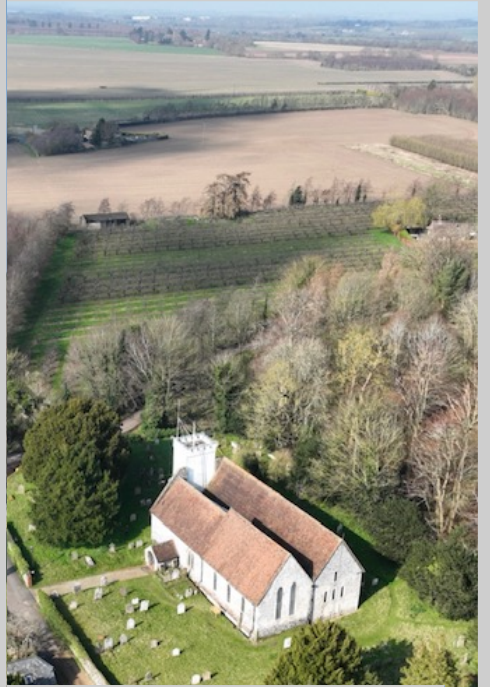
Diocese of Canterbury
CHANGED LIVES → CHANGING LIVES



Pilgrim shell designed by a pupil at Ospringe CofE Primary School
Prayer written by Student Chaplains, The Archbishops School, Canterbury (adapted)

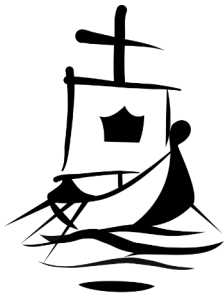
Heavenly Father,
We give thanks for sending Archbishop Sarah as a shepherd to guide your people.
Gift her with wisdom and fill her with the Holy Spirit; help her to listen well, bring people together and serve as Jesus served.
And we pray for ourselves: strengthen us in faith, and grant us a heart like Christ's, gentle humble and devoted to the truth, so that we may share the Gospel with joy.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

Eye in The Sky



Doddington Church:

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