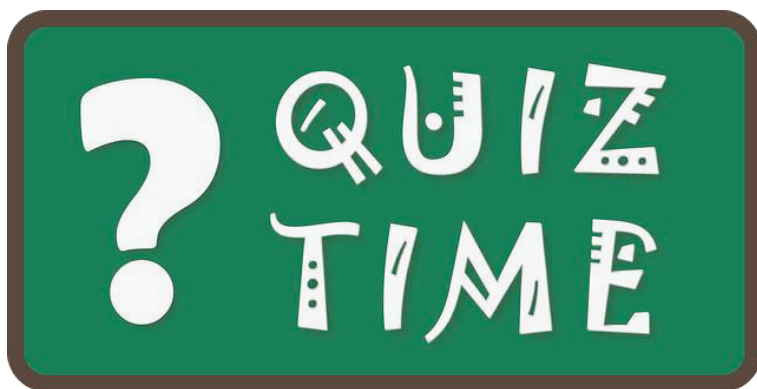


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The house and garden by this time are in shadow, and trees hide the further horizon. As I walk up the slope, a whole new vista emerges. The open fields showcase a vast sky, painted with different shades of pink, grey and orange as the sun sets over the forest beyond. From the valley beneath, you would have no idea of the beauty and immensity of the view above.

It strikes me that my evening ritual of walking up the hill is a good analogy for prayer. Sometimes we need to climb out of our small, limited viewpoint and experience the view from higher ground. There is beauty and space beyond our imagining, the invitation to breathe, to take in the view, to go back down with a greater sense of

peace and perspective.

There are many ways of finding this space where we can let God meet us. Some of us literally do walk along a favourite route at a set time of day, making that our time of prayer and reflection. For some, the sacred place is in the car, the garden, a moment in church, lighting a candle at home. The where doesn't matter- the key is we find that time and space which enables us to be truly human.

September can be a busy month. Let's resolve to find space each day for that renewal of perspective, for meeting with the creator God who waits patiently for us to come and be replenished and restored.

Helen



NOTICE



HARDSHIP FUND

As the cost of living crisis continues to cause difficulties for many we appreciate that some are finding it hard to manage on a day to day basis.

We have access to a fund which can be used for a wide range of hardship and welfare needs in this parish and the wider community. It may be more than food, there may be a situation that has arisen resulting in an unexpected cost, rent, energy bills, clothing or other essential needs. The fund is administered by the PCC and

can be accessed by contacting me **Janet** at

j.tootal@btinternet.com

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Ss Peter & Paul Leybourne

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Please contact the churchwardens on any parish matters: churchwardens@leybournechurch.org.uk

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Little Market Coffee House



A warm welcome awaits you at Little Market Row...

From early years education to serving cappuccinos, two local nursery owners have swapped story time for coffee time with the launch of their first café.

Friends Laura Hollands and Eve Poynter opened Little Market Coffee House at the beginning of August, bringing cakes, sandwiches, hot lunches, drinks and a friendly new meeting place to the heart of the community. With easy parking and a welcoming atmosphere, the café is already proving to be a popular addition to Leybourne.

The pair have run Hedgehogs nurseries, with branches across Medway, for the past 10 years. But when they heard that the hairdresser in one of the Little Market Row units was scaling back, they saw the perfect opportunity to take the leap and try something new.

“It’s always been a dream of ours”, Eve explained. “Our other businesses have taken precedence, but now we’re at a point where we can pursue something else we are really passionate about.”

Opening day created quite a buzz, with queues for coffee and free cake stretching around the block — reminiscent of the queues for Covid vaccinations, but with a much tastier ending!

Parish Council chair Kevin Wagstaff cut the ribbon at 1pm, officially welcoming the much-needed new venture to Leybourne.

Little Market Coffee House is currently open 8 am – 3pm Monday to Saturday

For updates and more information, follow Little Market Coffee House on Facebook and Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/littlemarketcoffee?igsh=eDY2ZWthcGoycXds>

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Sunday 27 September 2026

4:00pm-6:00pm

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Rev Helen Burn

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Team Rota September 2026

	Addington	Birling	Leybourne	Offham	Ryarsh	Trottiscliffe	West Malling
Sep 6	10.00 Open House	11.00 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion 11.45 Baptism	9.15 All Age	9.30 Holy Communion		8.00 BCP Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Sep 13	10.00 Cafe Church In The Village Hall		10.30 All Age with Baptism	9.15 Holy Communion		9.30 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Holy Communion 10.00 All Age
Sep20	10.00 Open House	11.00 All Age	10.30 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion	9.30 All Age With possible Baptism		8.00 BCP Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion
Sep 27	10.00 Holy Communion		10.30 Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Worship	8.00 BCP Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion

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