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SUNDAY SERVICES - FEBRUARY

See Magazine Diary pages 13 - 15

Download our Sunday Service / Newsletter from our Website

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- 9:00 am** St Martin's - Said Eucharist (*Sung on Sun: 2nd February*)
- 10:30 am** St Paul's - Sung Parish Eucharist (*Sunday Zone 1 & 2 see diary*)
Live on our YouTube channel (*see Parish Website for link*)
- 5:00 pm** St Paul's - Service to celebrate Candlemas (*2nd February*)

MONTHLY SUNDAY SERVICES

- 3:00 pm** St Paul's - TeaTime Family Service (*Sun: 9th February*)
- 5:00 pm** St Paul's - Choral Evensong and Supper (*Sun: 16th February*)
- 5:00 pm** St Martin's - Service of Silence and Compline (*Sun: 23rd Feb*)

OTHER SERVICES - WORSHIP ACTIVITY

- 2:30 pm** Messy Church – Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre
(*Not this month*)

DURING THE WEEK

- 7:30 am** Cathedral Morning Prayer - Monday - Friday (*in Jesus Chapel*)
- 8:30 am** CC University Chapel Morning Prayer - Monday - Friday
- 9:15 am** Cathedral Morning Prayer - Weekends and Bank Holidays
(*in Jesus Chapel*)
- 10:30 am** St Paul's - Prayer Book Eucharist - Wednesday
(*Service followed by refreshments in church*)
- 12 noon** St Martin's - Midday Prayers - Thursday
- 8:40pm** Compline - [Night Prayers] Thursday (*on Zoom*)



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are available in both our churches



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral at St Paul's

We commend to God's loving care:
January 17th: Kevin Charles Keeler



COMMEMORATIONS

*We remember in our prayers those who have died
in February in previous years:*
Les Collins, Sheila Daniell, Ajay Keller and Daisy Rew.

LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEW RECTOR

The Institution and Induction of The Reverend Dr Mary Kells as our Rector will take place at 7:00 pm on Sunday 6th April in St Paul's during a service of Choral Evensong.

The Institution will be lead by the Bishop of Dover with the Induction lead by the Archdeacon of Canterbury. It promises to be a very exciting service as Mary begins her ministry amongst us.

A special piece of music has been commissioned to premier at the service set to words from the bible that Mary has chosen which she feels encompasses the vision that the parish is "a place to belong".

Churchwardens

PILGRIM POST from APRIL 2025

Thank you to all who produce, collate and distribute our parish magazine. We are grateful to our advertisers and hope readers will support them. Articles are always welcome as is news of future events.

Do please let our editor have material by the deadline announced in the diary each month or in advance if possible. There is a link to the magazine (as a PDF doc) on our parish website.

We always print a few spare copies for visitors and newcomers in our churches and of course to promote sales.

At our January PCC meeting, we discussed the cost of producing the magazine. The cover price has remained at 50p since 2016, and as from April will be 70p. Subscription renewal details are on page 20.

Churchwardens

PARISH LETTER

Dear Friends,



It has been a joy and privilege these past months to be invited to lead worship at St Martin's and St Paul's churches alongside members of the ministry team and as we all look forward to Revd Mary Kells arrival and the next chapter of the life of the parish and our congregations. Change will be afoot!

The beginning of February marks a change in our liturgy too. Candlemas (The Presentation of Christ) changes our focus away from the crib to the cross. It marks the end proper of the Christmas and Epiphany season and a few weeks of 'ordinary time' leading up to Ash Wednesday and Lent. We recall the recognition of Christ as the 'light to lighten the gentiles' by the prophet Simeon just at the time of year when the light of the sun begins to grow again after the winter darkness, we benefit from longer days and the new life of spring promises relief from the winter gloom.

Just as the seasons of the year punctuate our lives, so we too need the seasons of the church's year to guide and help us grow closer to God in our prayer and worship. Although every Sunday is a day of Resurrection we are encouraged in our faith through the yearly cycle of penitence and preparation, festival and celebration. If we were to be constantly feasting we would soon lose the pleasure of it, so our 'diet' is varied through the year to encourage healthy souls just as we do with food for our bodies.

Every time I am invited to lead the prayer of the Eucharist I am reminded that Christ Jesus feeds us with his body and his blood and it is easy for us to become so accustomed to receiving communion week by week within a familiar framework of the service that, like constant feasting, we can lose something of the joy in receiving.

Perhaps these in-between weeks could be an opportunity for us to refresh our approach to worship and consider again what we are about. Instead of loosing yourself in a booklet or gazing at the floor, why not look towards the altar as the priest leads us in prayer, lifting the bread and the wine for all to see? Try forgetting about the mechanics of what we are doing and immerse yourself in the moment; open your heart and allow God to fill you with his love. You may be surprised!



I have long believed that our time together on Sundays is vital for our spiritual health, for our relationship with God in Jesus, and is transformative; the Eucharist is the most wonderful means of evangelism and growth as we are drawn closer into God's presence and receive confidence to go out and live lives filled with the knowledge and joy of the love God freely gives to us. Alleluia!

David Roper

FOCUS ON PRAYER - FEBRUARY



Am I the only one that finds herself restless and impatient in February, looking for even the smallest sign of spring in the weather, in the garden, in our lives? So I day-dream about changing the furniture around, changing my hair style, or booking a trip away.

Yet these are mere ripples on the surface of our lives; they are quite immaterial to God's love and purposes for us. And then I begin to think of Anna, the prophet we meet in the Temple in the final week of Epiphany. She is given no voice in the gospel, nor in her life (were you paying attention to Charlotte's sermon in January, about the silence of women?) but, nevertheless, she teaches us real truths. Though widowed so young, she found a purpose to live by, a home to shelter her, and a hope to sustain her, through long decades of prayer in the Temple.

God of utter constancy, Bless us with a home that embraces us, a purpose to live by, and hope to encourage us.

Grant us acceptance of inevitable change in our lives. Even when loss overwhelms us, grace us with an inner stability such as Anna achieved through prayer.

May Anna be our model and our guide, so that our prayer time is never neglected because we think we are 'too busy'.

And teach us the lesson of St Benedict : 'The reason for stability - God is not elsewhere.'

Judith Dimond

LIVING THE LITURGY THIS MONTH

Readings are from the *Common Worship Calendar and Lectionary authorized for use in the Church of England - Year C.*



Sermon in a Sentence (or Two!)

Feb. 2nd - Candlemas Sunday

Gospel: Luke 2 v 22-40

A Light to Lighten

As the Christmas season moves towards Lent, how do we make the light which came into the world a continuing reality, especially as we see so much upheaval around us?

Feb. 9th - Fourth Sunday Before Lent

Gospel: Luke 5 v 1-11

Leaving Their Boats

Jesus used an image of becoming fishers of people to relate to the first disciples because of their livelihoods. What image could be used to relate to our individual everyday busyness?

Feb. 16th - Third Sunday Before Lent

Gospel: Luke 6 v 17-26

Woe and Blessing

What three declarations of 'woe unto' and 'blessings unto' would Jesus make today or would they be identical to those in Luke 6?

Feb. 23rd - Second Sunday Before Lent

Gospel: Luke 8 v 22-25

How consistent is our faith?

How does faith help when we find ourselves fearful or in panic? Is our understanding of faith then the same as in more routine and placid situations?

Rosemary Walters



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Michael Butler, Joshua Gauden, Dan Titterton, Elle Playfair,
Edwin Livano Jones, and Christine Robinson.

Wedding Anniversary: Sophie and Pete Scott.

Invitation: If you have recently joined the congregation at St Martin's or St Paul's and would like your name included in these monthly prayers and good wishes, please let the editor know.

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Wednesday 19th February - 5:00 - 6:30 pm

St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury.

Speaker: Wendy Dalrymple, Precentor and Head of Worship and Events, Canterbury Cathedral, formerly a youth and community worker.

Topic: The Church of the Future

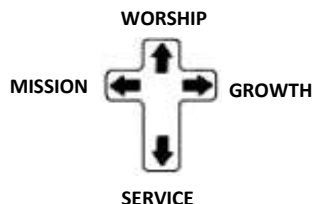
Most talks are accessible afterwards on YouTube, and are open to all who are interested in honest, lively discussion on contemporary themes in theology and religion.

Whatever your interests or viewpoint, you will be most welcome to join us. There is a charge of £5 at the door for each talk to cover costs (people in full-time education free).

Judith Dimond

INTERREGNUM

Prayer for Mission and Growth



God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to our Church
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship,
and Power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MU Prayer for January - We give thanks to you, Lord, for our membership in the global Mothers' Union. May we be blessed with a sense of connection and belonging. May we accept the call in the power of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith. May we be empowered in all that we do and say to help others. May we bloom where you plant us, O Lord. Amen.



Our Creative prayer - Seek the Holy Spirit as we spread the message of the Mothers' Union. Plant a seed or a bulb and nurture it. As you watch it grow, pray that others see us as a force for good in our world, by the work we do, the words we speak, the actions we take and the prayers we breathe. Amen.

Last Month - It was so good to enrol Rose Kingsdown, Revd Sue White, Kath Plummer and Katie Kiobel into our branch on 19th January. Welcome to them and may they blossom with their membership. What fun we had at our New Year party and hopefully everyone is settled back to the normal routine after the Christmas break.

This Month - February is our AGM as always and its at 2:00 pm on Wednesday 5th. Having completed six years, I will be standing down as Branch Leader, so do pray for the future leadership of our wonderful branch and come along to support the committee. Hopefully you have all managed to pay your 2025 subs to our Treasurer Janet Robertson, and we thank her for her hard work.

Our Corporate Communion is at 9:30 am on Saturday 8th February. 9.30am as usual in St Paul's church.



Next Month - Our pattern for March is always a bit different as we have the World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th, Diocesan MU members meeting on Thursday 13th, Wave of Prayer on Tuesday 18th, Lady Day on Tuesday 25th and making Mothering Sunday posies on Friday 28th.

So there's lots to keep us busy - see your 2025 MU programme and watch out for emails! Please don't forget that I have a new e-mail address. See below.

Sue Spillett - Branch Leader

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Charlotte's Celebration

At the end of the service in St Paul's on 19th January, we said thank you to Charlotte for her time as Curate in the parish. Despite having a day job and being self-funded, she showed commitment and took her pastoral and spiritual responsibilities to the full.



Charlotte's passion and skill in linking Science and Theology is very evident and her sermons have brought a new perspective. One that has remained in the minds of many was her reference to the ceiling of a church being like a ship. Not a ship that sails on water, but one that travels up into space. It was therefore pertinent that this January, as she took up her new roles, the night sky saw six planets, many clearly visible and in alignment with a full wolf moon!

To mark this occasion, Charlotte was presented with gifts, carefully chosen to reflect a few symbolic links between theology and science!

Firstly, there was a small Olive tree. The olive features in many passages from the Bible, with the most well-known being the olive branch carried by a dove to the ark symbolising God's forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

The second gift was a flowering plant that only flowers at this time of the year, a reminder of an important time in her life. The variety was 'Christmas Carol', to say thank you for her musical contribution and we hope that it long continues.

Thirdly, there was a piece of tree trunk! It had been carved out and a star carefully cut in to each side. In the centre was a small glass jar with a candle. When lit, the star would shine out into the world like her new ideas and imagery do.

Finally, there was a packet of 'love in the mist' seeds, in a variety called 'Midnight Blue'. As she watches them grow, may she know that our love goes with her, as we realise that the love of God is with us all day and night and will carry on growing if it is nourished.

Charlotte is setting up an MA course linking Theology and Science, but has also been granted permission by the Bishop to continue travelling on life's journey with us as an Associate Priest for which we are deeply thankful.

Ros Newington - Churchwarden

PARISH DIARY - FEBRUARY



See **Sunday Newsletter** / and **Weekly E-mail** for any changes.

To receive them please contact: office@martinpaul.org



Sunday 10:30 am Services

are on our YouTube channel (see link on Parish Website)

Eucharistic Weekday Services - See page 5

Choir Practice Friday 7:30 pm (St Paul's)

10:00 - 11.30 am Fisherfolk Toddler Group - Parish Centre

Every Wednesday and Friday in Term Time

2nd Sunday - Candlemass

Psalm 24. OT Malachi 3:1-3

NT Hebrews 2:14-end. GP Luke. 2:22-40.

9:00 am Sung Eucharist - St Martin's

10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone 1 - St Paul's

5:00 pm Contemplating Candlemass - St Paul's (see page 26)

5th Wednesday

10:30 am Prayer Book Eucharist - St Paul's

Refreshments in Church afterwards and every Wednesday

2:00 pm MU Annual General Meeting - Parish Centre (see page 11)

6th Thursday

12 noon Midday Prayers - St Martin's

8th Saturday

9:30 am MU Corporate Communion - St Paul's

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Canterbury Repair Café (see page 24)

at Baptist Church (Opposite Waitrose)

9th - Fourth Sunday before Lent

Psalm 138. OT Isaiah 6:1-8.

NT 1 Corinthians 15.1-11. GP Luke 5.1-11.

9:00 am Said Eucharist - St Martin's

10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone 1 - St Paul's

Refreshments in Church afterwards and every Sunday

3:00 pm TeaTime Family Service at St Paul's

(Please note earlier time from now on)



12th Wednesday

10:30 am Prayer Book Eucharist - St Paul's

13th Thursday

12 noon Midday Prayers - St Martin's

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Hangouts Youth Activity - Parish Centre

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16th - Third Sunday before Lent

Psalm 1. OT Jeremiah 17: 5-10.

NT 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. GP Luke 6:17-26.

9:00 am Said Eucharist - St Martin's

10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone 1 - St Paul's

5:00 pm Choral Evensong and Supper - St Paul's

Preacher: Reverend Dr Steve Horne (see page 18)



19th Wednesday

10:30 am Prayer Book Eucharist - St Paul's

5:00 - 6:30 pm Contemporary Theology Group

St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury. *(see page 10)*

20th Thursday

12 noon Midday Prayers - St Martin's

23rd Second Sunday before Lent

Psalm 65. OT Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end.

NT Revelation 4. GP Luke 8:22-25.

9:00 am Said Eucharist - St Martin's

10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone 1 & 2 - St Paul's

5:00 pm Service of Silence and Compline - St Martin's

25th Tuesday

Meet, Eat and Explore - Parish Centre *(see page 24)*

6:00 pm Meal, 7.30 pm Speaker and Discussion.

Sign up sheets in both churches.

26th Wednesday

10:30 am Prayer Book Eucharist - St Paul's

27th Thursday

12 noon Midday Prayers - St Martin's

PARISH DIARY - MARCH

See **Sunday Newsletter** / and **Weekly E-mail** for any changes.

Non-Eucharistic Weekday Services - See page 5

Choir Practice Friday 7:30 pm (St Paul's)



1st Saturday

7:30 pm 'Nosh and Knowledge' in St Paul's Church (see page 26)

2nd Sunday next before Lent

Psalm 99. OT Exodus 34:29-end.

NT 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2. GP Luke. 9:28-36 [37-43a]

9:00 am Sung Eucharist - St Martin's

10:30 am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone 1 - St Paul's

5th Ash Wednesday

10:30 am Prayer Book Eucharist - St Paul's

Refreshments in Church afterwards and every Wednesday

6th Thursday

12 noon Midday Prayers - St Martin's

7th Friday

11:00 am International World Day of Prayer Service (**see below)

8th Saturday

9:30 am MU Corporate Communion - St Paul's



** All are welcome to join with us in celebrating the International World Day of Prayer at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury.

The service has been prepared by Christians of the Cook Islands and this group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature and we will pray together and reflect on the theme that they have chosen:

'I made you wonderful'.

A light lunch will be served in the church hall after the service.

Monica Walling

[Please note: There is no parking at the church - please use city car parks]



*Pastos
Verdes*

Cause of the Month - February

Pastos Verdes (PV) is the missionary project in Mozambique, Africa that the Parish supports financially and with prayer. It is headed by Lisa Muerasse whose family home is in Canterbury and her husband Orlanda, a citizen of Mozambique. Both have visited and spoken in the parish but not recently.

The purpose of PV is to take God's Good News to people who have rarely if ever encountered it. They do so through teaching and a wide range of basic services for local people, especially children and young people but also adults.

Just one example of their work is the recently built Halfway House that provides accommodation and further learning for orphans who reach a certain age and have no family to live with. Orlando is a very practical man who oversaw the building from scratch of the Halfway House, involving the boys and some local people in a very valuable extension of PV's service.

Parts of Mozambique are dangerous for Christians because of Islamist terrorism. The country is 37th in the charity Open Doors annual list of the 50 most dangerous countries where Christians can experience severe persecution. North Korea is top of the list. So, the parish's support for PV is very important, not least our prayers for safety for Lisa and all involved with Pastos Verdes. If you would like to know more please ask me.

Brian Munday

EXPLORING WITH GOD

Do you want to take a step forward in following Jesus? Would you like to learn and understand more about Christian faith, practice and worship? We are planning to arrange a Confirmation service around Easter time, and this could be your opportunity. Confirmation is open to anyone aged approximately 10 to 100 who has already been baptised. You don't have to feel that you are certain about all the answers - just ready to keep exploring with God.

If you or your child might be interested, please speak to one of the Churchwardens or Ministry Team - see page 3.



....well, you can't fault the efficiency of our 'Planned Giving' scheme.....

FEBRUARY - DID YOU KNOW?

The name **February** comes from the Latin *februarius*, a feast of purification held this month by the ancient Romans. The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar.

Saint Bridget is said to have made a wizard (a Druid) into a Christian; to have hung her cloak on an obliging sunbeam, and to have tamed a wild wolf. She cared for the poor and hungry and taught them about Jesus. Bridget died on February 1st, in 523, in Ireland, and her followers kept a light burning before her tomb in Kildare for a thousand years.



Pilgrim's Progress was published this month in 1678. Still good reading, and there are several new editions for all ages. It's full of people who are still around today!

The Beatles made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." in February 1964. Over 73 million Americans watched!

Be my Valentine! In Victorian times young ladies would hope to receive Valentine cards from admirers.....no names given! Before that, February 14th was a day for exchanging presents. Romantic cards are still exchanged, some being less tasteful than others. Birds start mating this month. Saint Valentine, who was a priest in ancient Rome, would no doubt be surprised to know how he has been remembered.



Listerine antiseptic products derive from the work of **Sir Joseph Lister**, 1st Baron Lister, the British surgeon who pioneered antiseptic sterile surgery while working at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He died on 10th February, 1912 in Walmer, Kent.



Contributed

THIS MONTH'S POEM from Rosemary Walters

An extract from *A YEAR'S CAROLS*

FEBRUARY

Wan February with weeping cheer,
Whose cold hand guides the youngling year
Down misty roads of mire and rime,
Before thy pale and fitful face
The shrill wind shifts the clouds apace
Through skies the morning scarce may climb.
Thine eyes are thick with heavy tears,
But lit with hopes that light the years.

Algernon Charles Swinburne



Algernon Charles Swinburne (1837-1909) a poet, playwright, novelist and critic. He wrote many plays, all tragedies, and collections of poetry and ballads.



Fisherfolk

Fisherfolk is our parish's Toddler group run and supported by the members of the Mothers' Union and ably led by Debbie Rogers our Fisherfolk Leader.

We are open Wednesday and Friday mornings and average 15-20 families at each session. The children love the variety of play we offer and are very keen to help tidy up knowing that a snack of fresh fruit, a biscuit and a drink are then served. We finish the session with plenty of songs and laughter accompanied by the musical instruments. The hokey-cokey is usually our final offering and a great workout for the accompanying adult.

Fisherfolk offers a unique and invaluable environment for our families where they feel loved and cherished and witness the love of God in action.

Jackie Curd



Choral Evensong and Supper at St Paul's

5:00 pm Sunday 16th February

Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr Steve Horne,
Curate of Ashford Town



All are very welcome to this lovely service with excellent music, good preaching and good company. This month we are pleased to welcome the recently deaconed (and former wrestler!) Revd Steve Horne who will be speaking to us about Jacob and wrestling with God.

A tasty supper and pudding is promised with a glass of something be served afterwards for those who wish. No bookings needed for food but please advise regarding dietary requirements. Call: 720121 Text: 07871340926 Email: namesfortea@hotmail.co.uk

Michael Keeler-Walker



February Archive 1985

There had been substantial snowfall in January, and the Rector commended all those who had helped neighbours in need. On the day the snow began, in a candlelit service at St. Martin's he had dedicated a window on the north side incorporating a panel made in Chartres from ancient glass.

Given by the Friends, the panel (as some readers will know) depicts St. Martin sharing his cloak with a beggar. In his address, Revd Humphriss observed that it would to some extent compensate for the loss of a statue of the saint stolen some years earlier.

The ecumenical house groups for Lent would begin at the end of the month. It was a busy time for the Parochial Church Council, which among other matters was concerned about the cost of 'Fairer Shares', the new approach by the diocese to collect money to support parish ministry. Minster Abbey had already been booked for their away day in April.

It was reported in the diocesan leaflet that a new twice-yearly magazine for the diocese, price 65p, was on the way. Almost entirely local in its content, it would first appear in March, and that issue would be free.

The Friends of Kent Churches were hoping to hold 'a steeple-chase on bikes' in September. £72,000 had been raised in this way in Suffolk for historic churches and local parishes. So here we have the origin of 'Ride and Stride'. The Huguenot Society, meanwhile, was asking churches to commemorate the arrival in 1585 of many French Protestants fleeing persecution, Louis XIV having revoked the edict that protected them. (Canterbury would soon have the largest community of foreigners outside London.) Exhibitions would be held in Canterbury and Dover.

Brian Hogben

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The cold spell is over or is it? The weather is so unpredictable and there are still many people in positions of power who deny that climate change is taking place. As Pat Crawford said in her latest post Elon Musk has shocked many with his declaration that “recycling is pointless”. She points out that the Greenland Ice Sheet is thinning, and the resultant water is enough to fill Africa’s Lake Victoria. The National Trust has said that ‘homogenization’ is blurring the distinctions between the seasons and this is particularly challenging for insects and their predators.

Our recycling continues, and alongside crisp packets, soft plastics and single use plastics can be recycled at Tesco and Waitrose. Single use plastics are often found in food packaging and so are widely available. More retailers are offering loose fruit and vegetables but inevitably give customers plastic bags to put their purchases in once they are weighed. Oh for the return of paper bags! In the meantime, if you are able to avoid the use of thin plastic bags, that would be good. As a church we continue to fill the box at Superdrug with empty blister packs. I am also still collecting tools of all sorts for TWAM. Blankets, woolly hats, scarves and gloves would be appreciated by the homeless. Cooking equipment can also be found a home and mobile phones can still be recycled so please let me know if you want me to collect any of the above from you.

I have been talking with Sophie Scott about shrubs and plants for St Martin’s churchyard. The box hedge has died and will need to be removed, and I list below replacements and additions that might be planted. You may like to donate a shrub or plant in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event. I ask that you donate the plant in a pot rather than a bare root specimen because the season for planting bare roots ends in March.

We do need to tackle brambles in the churchyard in order to prepare the ground for new plants. This is a difficult task given the seniority of the congregations of both churches but what about sons, daughters and grandchildren, might you be able to persuade them to help?

Suggested shrubs and plants: *Choisya – Aztec Pearl or Apple Blossom.*



Ceanothus – Autumnal Blue or Blue Mound or Burkwoodii. *Hydranga* – Strong Annabel. *Euonymous* -Silver Queen or Sunshine or Wolong Ghost. *Garrya Elliptica*. *Pittosporum* – Silver Queen, James Stirling, Silver magic. *Hebes* – Albicans. *Hardy Fucshias* – preferably white. *Lavender*. *Rosemary*. *Stagshorn fern*.

These are suggestions and you may have other ideas which would be welcome.

Sue White



SMILE LINES

Patient: "Doctor, doctor! I've broken my arm in a couple of places!"

Doctor: "Then stay away from those places!"

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The Christians noticed that its mast and transverse yard form a cross, and its anchor is a symbol of hope, so it became a symbol of the Church. Scratch drawings of ships on walls and pillars of coastal churches are found in many places including Margaret-at-Cliff, here in Kent.

Contributed



Flowers at St Paul's Church

Many thanks are conveyed to the small band of flower arrangers who so freely give of their time and very often pay for flowers themselves to ensure that St Paul's church is decorated with fresh flowers. Like everything else, the cost of creating these arrangements is increasing. This Easter will be the first one celebrated by our new rector the Revd Dr Mary Kells. It would be wonderful if the flower team had all the resources to make the church look spectacular for Easter-tide and to ensure that arrangements continue throughout the year

The greenery for all the arrangements comes from local gardens. If you have any suitable plants in your garden that the flower team could use,

please let us know. In particular, Laurel, Bay, Yew, Choisya and similar ever-green plants are used. Only a few stems are used for each arrangement at one time. It is only at Christmas when Holly and Ivy are required in larger quantities.

Do please speak to me if you wish to help with arranging the flowers, either at festivals or on a particular week, or wish to have a floral arrangement in church to celebrate a special event during 2025. The price of the flowers will depend on the type that you choose, but as a broad guideline a pedestal arrangement would be in the region of £30 to £40. The flower arrangers are happy to work with any colour scheme, but please take into account that, due to the church lighting, blues, purples and dark reds do not show up as well as some of the lighter colours, especially from a distance.

Please consider choosing a Sunday this year when you would like to give thanks to God and honour a special person or special moment with the gift of flowers. The dedication will be shared with everyone on a plaque in front of the arrangement and via the weekly newsletter if you so wish.

Donations for flowers may be placed in the envelopes provided or by debit/credit card payment at the back of the church.

Ros Newington



Who was Kallihirua?

[News from St Martin's]

On the 27th of November 1853, St Martin's Church hosted members of the St Augustine's Missionary College, a Naval captain and the only daughter of a long lost arctic explorer. This perhaps unusual grouping of people were all there for one particular reason: a baptism. Not the baptism of a baby, but that of a young man with the name Kallihirua.

Kallihirua was an Inuit who had been taken on board HMS *Assistance* years earlier. He was acting as a guide and interpreter for a mission that was hunting for the long lost crew of the Northwest Passage Expedition.

After failing to find the missing ship and the fate of the crew still unknown, *Assistance* had been unable to dock at Cape York to return the young man and thus he began the journey back to England.



Arriving towards the end of 1851, Kallihirua had the daunting task of settling into life in an unknown country. St Augustine's College took him in, where he would learn to read and write and also take religious instruction whilst also training to be a tailor elsewhere in Canterbury.

In 1853, he would eventually be baptised. Following his baptism at St Martin's, he took on the name *Erasmus Augustine Kallihirua* and his name is still seen within the grounds of the Kings School, Canterbury. He is thought to have been the first Inuit of Northern Greenland to leave home and visit countries elsewhere. Unfortunately, his health began to rapidly decline and his life as a missionary ended just a few years later in 1856.

Jessica 'Jess' Morris

Tourism Manager - St Martin's Church (*Contact details page 3*)

[Radio interview: Jess was interviewed in January by Radio Kent and the episode may still be heard on BBC Sounds 'Secret Kent'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0kk2dfr>]

Editor



The next Repair Café is on
Saturday 8th February
10:00 am—12:30 pm
Hub Café, Baptist Church
(*Opposite Waitrose*)

This is a community initiative of the CCAP (Canterbury Climate Action Partnership) where volunteers with craft skills, help mend clothes, and repair broken things such as household objects, toys, ceramics, jewellery, electrical items, computers, phones, bicycles etc, and offer energy advice.

Repairs and advice are free, although donations are welcome!

There is a free clothes-swap too - bring your unwanted items and swap for something pre-loved!

Contributed

MEET, EAT AND EXPLORE

Concern or Celebration?: Legalising Assisted Dying

Dr Claire Butler

St Paul's Parish Centre: Tuesday 25th February

6:00 pm Meal, 7.30 pm Speaker and Discussion.

Sign up sheets in both churches.

Rosemary Walters





ALERT

How to deal with email scams

1. **Don't panic** and don't click any links.
2. **Check with the sender** by phone if the email appears to be from someone you know or a company you use.
3. **Report the email** to report@phishing.gov.uk so that The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) can investigate it.
4. **Filter spam** and don't trust unsolicited email.
5. **Treat email attachments with caution** and avoid clicking links in email
6. **Install antivirus software** and keep it up-to-date. messages.

Generally please be cautious about clicking links and opening documents on emails where you do not know the sender and aren't expecting to receive something. It's also a good idea to change your password regularly.

Contributed

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Rosemary Walters



LOOKING FORWARD to MARCH.....

I hope you are all looking forward to coming along to our **NOSH and KNOWLEDGE NIGHT** which will be on **Saturday 1st March at 7:30 pm** in **St Paul's Church**.

Tickets - £8 per person, and there will be tables of 8. You can be linked with others if you wish. Contact me on 01227 456100 or E-mail: spillettsue@gmail.com

Sue Spillett

....and in PILGRIM POST

Brian Hogben, our Parish Archivist has investigated the fascinating life of **John Twyne (1505? - 1581)** who is buried in St Paul's Church. We look forward to reading all about him.

Editor



ENDPIECE



Just before the February Cheltenham Festival race, a trainer was giving last minute instructions to a jockey and appeared to slip something into the horse's mouth.

"What was that?" inquired the steward. "Oh nothing," said the trainer, "just a polo."

He then offered one to the steward and had one himself.

After the suspicious steward had left the scene, the trainer continued with his instructions to the jockey.

"Just keep on the rail. You're a dead cert. The only thing that could possibly pass you down the home straight is either the steward or me."

Contributed

[With acknowledgement to 'Bradwell's book of Gloucestershire Wit and Humour' contributed by a parishioner. Editor]



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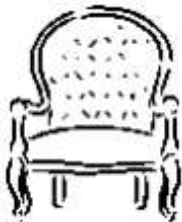


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