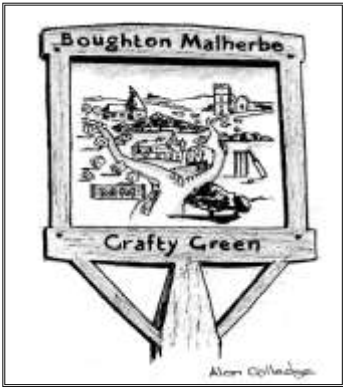


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**Front Cover:** The old Village Hall stage being removed to make way for a new Modular system stage to be installed. See article in Village Hall news.  
Picture courtesy of John Collins

## News from St. Nicholas Church

### March 2022

Despite having electricity again after a break of more than 24hours, the weather still looks pretty grim today, with driving rain and increasing high winds. Yet another named storm is heading our way.

There was a tree down in the churchyard by the far gate and the porch light was smashed at the height of storm Eunice and as there was no sign of when power would be on, the decision was made on Saturday evening to cancel our Sunday service on the 20th February. We hope the information was widely enough shared and that nobody was inconvenienced.

As we personally are very dependant on electricity we moved down to the little cabin by the mill pond where we have a tiny woodburning stove and spent a very cosy time till the power returned by 10.30pm. So lovely to read and chat by candlelight. The bright moonlight and starry sky sparkling over the water were a beautiful sight.

### Reminders

**The church porch** is open at all times, do shelter in there if the weather is spoiling your walk and your dogs may need the water in the bowl by the door. There is also a basket for items for the Maidstone Homeless Food Bank on the bench. Any contributions would be most welcome.

**The main church building** is open for weekly services only and for access to the eco-church shop afterwards. At other times please contact the churchwardens for a key, their details are printed elsewhere in the magazine and in the porch.

**Tower repairs** are not completed so take care as you walk round the building and avoid the fenced off area.

**Daily Morning Prayer** and other on-line services from Canterbury Cathedral are available on the diocesan website. They are well worth joining. We will sadly miss the daily prayer time in the cathedral gardens with the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Revd. Dr. Robert Willis, his beloved animals around him, as he retires later in the year. He has been a beacon for us in the troubling recent months, not only for us but around the country and worldwide.

**Celtic Prayers** are said each Monday in the side chapel, from 9-9.30am. If you have prayer requests please contact Rev. John Huggins or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said at Morning Prayer time or in private if you wish.

## **Information**

Lent begins the first week on March. We have no information about courses or recommended reading just yet, but will put out notices if possible, on the church noticeboard. Hopefully a new one will be erected soon!

Our Lent lunches seem to have been put 'on hold'. Any further information will be posted. We had hoped to make use of the church building, but our re-organisation of the pews etc. are soon to start, so plans cannot be finalised yet.

Also, a reminder about the Food Bank basket in the porch. A good Lent project to bring an item to each service or visit to the porch!

**Village Coffee Mornings** are making a come-back! In a new form, we will be offering a simplified version, with coffee/tea facilities and biscuits each week in the hall while the pop-up Post Office is open. It will be a social opportunity for all, not just when you need the Post Office. Not quite what was on offer before, but let's see how it goes. There will be a charge of £1, and any proceeds will go to charity, as it always did. The Parish Hall committee are pleased to have a basket for items for the Maidstone Homeless Food Bank available at this time.

The first coffee time will be on **March 8th**. Looking forward to meeting up again.

## **Finale**

Today is a worrying time as we heard the news that the Queen has been diagnosed with Covid. We all wish that she will make a rapid recovery and only has the mildest of symptoms. Our good wishes go out to her whole family and to all those facing the disease.

**Sally Alexander**

## **Parish Lengthsman**

The Parish Council has entered into a contract with Ken Parish to provide a "Lengthsman" service in the Parish. This service involves collecting litter from the roadside where it is a particular problem and clearing vegetation where it obscures road signs. Ken will also monitor the condition of Fire Hydrants, especially where obscured by vegetation, for reporting to Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

If you are aware of any particular problems with litter or vegetation, please call Ken on 01622 850378 - so he can take a look.

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## **Village Hall News – March Newsletter**

I am pleased to advise you that a good time was had by all at the Panto, (particularly the younger members of our community) and thank you all again for your support. Gerry Graham's Touring Panto's will be hosting Robin Hood next year so please book early to avoid disappointment!

### **Pancake Evening 4.30 pm to 6.30pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Once again we will be hosting our pancake evening. We will be offering a selection of sweet and savoury pancakes together with the usual refreshments so please come along and enjoy a delicious pancake and spend some time over a cup of tea with friends. As well as the pancakes there will be activities to keep the children entertained.

### **New Flower Craft Event Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 2pm**

Nicki Oliver is organising a new Flower Craft Event at the hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March when she will be showing attendees how to make their own unique Easter wreath. The cost is £35.00 per person which covers the cost of the 3-hour session and all the materials needed to construct the wreath. All you need to do is just bring yourself! If you would like to attend this new event please email Nicki on [nickioliver2006@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nickioliver2006@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Start Time for Dance Fit Every Wednesday 11 am - 12 noon**

Sharon has advised me that with effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March the Dance Fit class will be held from 11 am to 12 noon every Wednesday. Dance Fit is an easy-to-follow cardio workout and beginners are welcome, it is suitable for anyone aged over 16. The cost is £5 per session and you should bring trainers and a bottle of water. Please contact Sharon Harris 01622 890170 if you would like to come along.

### **Pop Up Post Office – Every Tuesday 12.45pm to 2.15pm – Light refreshments available from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The Pop-Up Post Office continues to be popular so thank you all again for supporting the service.

Sally Alexander has organised an elite team of volunteers to provide tea, coffee and biscuits to run alongside the Post Office service so that you will be able to come and visit the Post Office and enjoy a cup of tea and have a natter with friends and neighbours from the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. I will leave it to Sally to provide further details, but the food bank basket that was formerly in the Post Office will be available for donations.

## **Children's Birthday Parties**

Over the last few month's we have hosted a number of children's birthday parties at the hall. We have been able to accommodate a bouncy castle, can offer a sound system, lots of tables and chairs, toilets and baby changing facilities, a kitchen and lots of space to run around in safely at a very reasonable cost. So if you have a birthday coming up and don't know how you are going to fit all those children in the front room please give Jan Carter our booking clerk a ring on 01622 850898.

## **New Stage**

As reported in an earlier newsletter the stage at the hall which I believe has been in place for approximately 40 years and is made of pallets has now sadly showing signs of wear and reaching the end of it's useful life. With the kind assistance of grant funding from Maidstone Borough Council we will now be replacing our much-loved pallet stage and installing a new Modular system which will broadly replicate the existing stage but offers the flexibility to remove the stage and either store it to provide a greater floor area available in the hall or flexibly reposition it around the hall in any number of configurations to meet a variety of needs.

## **Village Hall Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm and you are all invited and would be welcome to attend.

The Village Hall committee is a registered charity, (no. 288091), run for the benefit of local residents. We host a variety of events throughout the year such as the Christmas Quiz, Pancake Evening, Craft Fair and the Annual Pantomime along with organising the annual fair on the cricket field. The hall is also used by a wide variety of clubs and societies and we make the hall available for hire to local residents for social events such as children's birthday parties.

More recently we have been able to host the Pop-Up Post-Office service once a week on a Tuesday lunchtime when our local Post Office sadly closed. Every committee needs new blood and new ideas so if you have any ideas or suggestions and would like to help make a difference to your local community, meet new people and have fun please give me a call or drop me an email. Whether you are a long-standing local resident or new to the village your help and assistance in running the hall would be greatly appreciated, you will be made very welcome and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Maidstone Borough Council are investigating options to close Lenham rail station and build a new station further down the line at Lenham Heath to make their 5,000-home Heathlands plan viable.

We do not believe it is right that an existing community should lose its rail station simply to support a 'new town' down the road.

As a community we must stand united and make it clear that we do not accept this outrageous proposal.

Visit [www.saveourheathlands.co.uk](http://www.saveourheathlands.co.uk) to find out how you can support our 'Save Lenham Rail Station' campaign.

**SAVE LENHAM RAIL STATION**

## **News from your local MP – Helen Whatley**

### **Covid down, levelling up**

2022 has got off to a busy start.

With Covid restrictions eased, I've been enjoying meeting people face to face again – on top of the virtual meetings which have become a feature of life for many of us.

Whether it's visiting a farm in Langley or a community centre in Faversham (or even an outdoor adventure centre!), getting out and talking to people is one of the parts of being an MP I most enjoy.

We've come a long way since Christmas when the Omicron variant threatened to delay our recovery. Thanks to our booster campaign and the hard work of NHS and care staff, and volunteers, we've turned a corner - though I do know schools are still seeing high numbers of cases.

My focus now is on supporting our local recovery from Covid – whether that's helping secure more NHS dental appointments, getting our local train timetable back on track, or tackling the backlog in applications at the DVLA.

As Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, I've been working to boost the productivity of small businesses with our Help to Grow: Digital scheme – something many of our local businesses can benefit from. I've also been working on our Tax-Free Childcare scheme and Energy Bills Rebate to help households with the cost of living.

It's been great seeing how schemes to boost jobs and skills are benefitting people locally. I recently met some of the 3,000 'Kickstarters' in Kent on a visit to the West Faversham Community Centre – another sign that our plan for jobs is working.

I'll continue to do everything I can to help my constituents over the coming year. If you have a problem you think I can help with, then please get in contact with me.

### **PM and Chancellor visit Maidstone Hospital**

I was delighted to have welcomed Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak to Maidstone Hospital in early February.

The hospital is home to the Kent Oncology Centre, which is delivering some of the best cancer treatment in England.

The centre is part of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust which is one of only a handful of hospital trusts to meet the national standard for treating cancer patients within 62 days.

I'm determined to help the hospital build on this success and expand its work so that even more people can benefit.

### **3,000 'Kickstarters' in Kent**

Latest stats show that over 3,000 young people across Kent have benefitted from our Kickstart scheme, which provides Government-backed work placements.

It was great to be back at the West Faversham Community Centre recently – talking to young people about how the work placements provided by Kickstart are helping them find jobs. The first steps after leaving school are crucial but they can also be daunting. Speaking to 'Kickstarters' in Faversham and Maidstone, it's clear the programme has given them opportunities they might never have dreamt of.

### **My message to the Housing Minister**

I recently met the then Housing Minister, Christopher Pincher MP, to convey concerns from local residents and councillors about housing numbers in Kent.

In my meeting with the Minister, I highlighted the challenges both Maidstone and Swale Borough Councils are facing in meeting their housing needs as well as unhappiness from local residents at the scale of proposed development.

I'm determined to make sure that Ministers understand the challenges we face in Kent. People elected me to stand up for our community and that's what I will do.

### **Making country roads safer**

I'm working with the local police and Kent Highways to make roads around Headcorn safer. It's clear we need joined up action to make this happen – with better road signage and stronger enforcement.

This work is already underway with Kent Police running "Operation Mandalay" to catch dangerous drivers around the village. The police also ran a "Neighbourhood Week of Action" in January to clamp down on speeding across Maidstone.

Kent Highways will be running speed surveys in Headcorn and also carrying out a general review of road signage and white lines around the village.

### **Reclaiming Pilgrims Way**

I've been concerned by reports about off-road vehicles using sections of the Pilgrims and North Downs way illegally. Riders flying up these tracks are putting people in danger and causing misery for local residents.

Last month, I called a meeting with local councillors, police, and Kent Highways to discuss solutions. Local Councillors and I will be organising a further meeting of those affected, to make sure that enough of these instances are being reported to the police.

If you've been affected by this, please do report incidents to 101 or online. I'm determined not to let a small minority spoil our green spaces.

### **Action to tackle illegal hare coursing**

The sight of tyre tracks through fields, broken gates, and damaged crops has sadly become all too common in the countryside.

I've called on Ministers to introduce tougher laws to tackle the blight of illegal hare coursing, and I'm pleased that new legislation is now being introduced.

The Government has confirmed that it will be amending the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to strengthen law enforcement for hare coursing. The proposals include new offences, tougher penalties, and powers to stop those found guilty from keeping dogs in future.

### **Yoga Classes in Grafty Green Village Hall with Sue Burch**

From 28<sup>th</sup> February through March and to 14<sup>th</sup> April

Monday morning 9.30  
Wednesday evening at 7  
Thursday morning at 9.30

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To join a class or for more information call me on 07803 962339 or email on [graftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:graftyyoga@gmail.com)

## Grafty Gourmet

These are great for a snack or served with a salad and yogurt for a lunch.

### Sweet Potato, Carrot & Feta Fritters

800g carrots	6 tablespoons of wholemeal flour
2 large potatoes	25g of fresh coriander, chopped
1 large onion	2 tablespoons of cumin seeds
600g of sweet potatoes	300ml of vegetable oil
5 medium free-range eggs	Green salad, lime wedges and yogurt to serve
200g of feta, crumbled	

1. Peel and grate the carrots, potatoes, onion and sweet potatoes. Put in a colander over the sink with a big pinch of salt to drain for 30 minutes.
2. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, feta, flour, coriander and cumin seeds, then beat with a fork until mixed.
3. Squeeze as much liquid from the veg as you can, pressing down hard into the colander for 1-2 minutes, then add to the egg mixture. Stir to combine and season well. Heat the oven to 150°C (fan130°C).

Heat the oil in a wok or saucepan until hot. Put a small handful of the mix in a slotted spoon and lower into the oil. Cook 2-3 at a time: fry for 1-2 minutes, then turn and repeat until golden. Put on a plate and keep warm in a low oven.

## Helen Whately

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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*Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way*

## **Hidden Figures**

**Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm**

Hidden Figures (PG 2016). Don't worry! This film is like no maths you've ever seen before. Instead, you're in for a brilliant and entertaining evening that makes you not only feel good, but you get to cheer on the women at the centre of the film as their efforts are at last rewarded.

It's the story of three women, Katherine, Dorothy and Mary, all pioneering mathematicians working towards the triumphant day in 1969 when Neil Armstrong was able to set foot on the moon in NASA's first space mission there. But the three women were subject to sexism and racism, and their indispensable role in this achievement was never publicly recognised – until now. Hidden Figures won the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture and had three nominations for Academy Awards. Come along and watch them fighting for their rights in this remarkable film – and the next time you see clips of Neil Armstrong putting that first foot on the moon, you'll remember who helped put him there.

Director Theodore Melfi: Running Time 2hrs 7 minutes

Hidden Figures marks the end of our winter season – but don't panic! We'll be here in April with the first of our summer season films, Witness, in which a young Amish boy is the only witness to a murder, and it's up to Harrison Ford as police detective John Book to protect him.

For more information, please check out our website ([www.lenhamfilmclub.org](http://www.lenhamfilmclub.org)), follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub) or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at [lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com). Perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

*Admission: members £4, non-members £5*

*Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.*

## Music Notes for March 2022 – B Hardy



So, February came and went, and most of the planned music took place. Audiences in some cases were a bit thin, but from what I saw the pantos were very well attended. March has a good selection of events, and restrictions look like being very light, so go out and enjoy the music!

**\*Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 1JA, Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra concert includes Brahms's *Tragic Overture* and Sibelius's *Symphony No2*. Tickets at the door or from website <https://sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk>

**\*Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March** 7.00pm at Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Choral Society sings Handel's *Messiah*. Tickets from [tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk](mailto:tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk)

**\*Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Poplar Grove, Allington, ME16 0DE, Maidstone Choral Union will perform Chilcott's *St. John Passion* and H. Schutz's *Die sieben worts*.

Tickets [mcuconcertmanager@gmail.com](mailto:mcuconcertmanager@gmail.com) or at the door.

**\*Also, on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, ME15 7RN, the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra continues its season with a concert that includes Dvorak's *Cello concerto* and Frank's *Symphony in D minor*. Tickets 07817 429143

**\*Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted, ME14 4EE, Bearsted Choral Society perform Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*. Tickets 0333 6663366

While I haven't any forward programme for TV in March, for those stopping at home I can point to two special concerts on Radio 3:

On 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, to celebrate 40 years of the Barbican Centre London, the concert broadcast from the Centre includes Judith Weir's choral work *Concrete* and Elgar's *Cello Concerto*. The latter was performed at the venue's very first concert in 1982.

On 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm the concert by the Nash Ensemble re-creates Dame Myra Hesse's legendary recitals preformed at the National Gallery during World War II. These featured popular composers of the time including Bax, Ireland and Warlock.

## Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

<b>Find the missing word?</b>	
1	Gregg _____, A 'Master Chef' Judge
2	_____ Submarine, a song from 'The Beatles'
3	Nutbush City _____, A hit for Ike & Tina Turner
4	_____ Merman, Stage & Screen star who found fame in the 1930's
5	Caroline _____, Plays Eousia in 'Doc Martin'
6	'_____ Damp', 1970's sit-com with Leonard Rossiter
7	Bobby _____, Tommy Cannon's partner
8	_____ Aniston, Actress who played Rachel in 'Friends'
9	Robin _____, Actor who starred in 'Mork & Mindy'
10	Dudley _____, Part of a double act with Peter Cook

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Green	Shot	Off	<b>Putting</b>
2	Chain	Money	Teacher	
3	Standard	Flush	Blue	
4	Work	Hair	Ball	
5	Training	Paper	Fly	
6	Toffee	Sauce	Pine	
7	Hockey	Cube	Dry	
8	Script	Under	Sign	
9	Sweet	Soup	Nut	
10	Part	Egg	Two	
11	Battle	Pole	Pick	
12	Pop	Band	Hall	
13	Combat	Escort	Guard	
14	Spawn	March	Leap	
15	Joy	Horse	Motorbike	
16	Sick	On	Maternity	



**Grafty Green Gardening Club**  
**Program of Events 2022**  
**Our 25<sup>th</sup> Year**

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
11 <sup>th</sup> January	AGM and Alison Marsden	More garden impact for less effort
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Dr Mick Lynn	Potions, Parasites and Pests
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Simon Ginnaw/Spring Show</b>	<b>Birds beyond the boughs</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Fergus Garrett	Succession planting for a long season
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	6pm Outing to Bilting House, Godmersham, TN25 4HA	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	10am. Plant Sale, Village green (if wet in the Village Hall)	
20 – 22 May	Weekend away to West Sussex and Hampshire	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Outing to Sissinghurst	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm Garden party in the village	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	6pm Outing to Hurst House, Hastingleigh, TN25 5 JD	
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Katherine Hook/ Autumn Show	Sloe Seduction
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Steve Edney	Think beyond the flower, plants with good seed heads.
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Tom La Dell	Brogdale and the National Fruit Collection
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Practical evening/Social	

Simon Ginnaw is our speaker for March. His talk is entitled "Birds Beyond the Boughs" and promises to be very interesting. Also, we will be holding our Spring Show, entries for which can be bought along to the Village Hall a little early in order to give time to book in. The Margaret Hoad cup will be awarded to the winner of "An Arrangement of Flowers in an item of footwear".

Tickets will be on sale at £5.00 for members and £8. for non-members for the Fergus Garrett talk, see above for details of his talk. Book early if you can by calling Sue Burch (01622) 850381 or Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526. Fergus is Head Gardener for the lovely gardens at Great Dixter.

There are just a couple of seats left on our Coach Outing to four gardens in West Sussex and Hampshire leaving on May 20<sup>th</sup> for two nights staying in Salisbury. Full details can be forwarded to you by calling Sue, Rosemary or Carole Frost (01622) 757536. Full payment for this event by end of April please.

In our Gardens: - A last chance to plant bare rooted plants. Mulch bare soil in beds and borders and reseed bare patches on the lawn. Plant summer-flowering bulbs and sow hardy annuals where you want them to flower. In the vegetable garden we can plant early potatoes and sow vegetables outside. It is a good idea to put in stakes and other plant supports before the new growth starts.

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## Ulcombe History Society

We have restarted our regular meetings and Have a varied programme to interest you in 2022. We usually meet in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month, eight times a year. We also arrange occasional visits to historic sites.

To join in 2022 the subscription is £15 for the year..... this gives you entry to eight talks and is great value.

You will be welcome to come and join, or just try us, on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at Ulcombe Village Hall, ME17 1EB, when **Judi Wright** will be talking about **"Food and Rationing in World War 2"**

For more information. please contact Bridget Samuelson at [messageuhs@icloud.com](mailto:messageuhs@icloud.com)

### Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Kent <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/kent> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Kent (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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## Christian Message March 2022 - Stormy waters

Were this pandemic a sea, what kind of sea would it be?  
Stormy? Dark? Threatening? Endless?  
And if we were on a ship on that sea, what would we see?  
Would we look at the waves above us-  
And huddle in fear?  
Would we look for the harbour lights-  
Maybe finding them in masks and lockdowns, vaccines and medicines?  
I have sailed on a ship in a stormy sea.  
I have watched ahead as water distorted all forward view.  
One thing encouraged me and helped me be:  
The knowledge that the captain knew the way  
Had sailed rougher seas  
Had a map and was calm in action.  
The Captain.  
Our Captain.  
Our God whose name is Love:  
Found in Jesus  
Knows the way.  
Take heart and pray!

Loving God,  
Lead us forward.  
We don't know what lies ahead  
But help us to find hope and courage  
As we trust in The Captain.  
*Amen*

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# Len Valley Benefice March 2022

*Everybody is welcome*

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths,  
ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find  
rest for your souls.

*Jeremiah 6:16*



## **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion Ashing Service

Lenham: Breakfast Church will  
be joining the market on this  
day.

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe:  
Holy Communion (Book of  
Common Prayer)

**9.30am** Ulcombe: Creative  
Service

**11.00am** Harrietsham: Family-  
friendly Morning Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion (Book of Common  
Prayer)

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe:  
Holy Communion

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy  
Communion

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast  
Church

**11.00am** Lenham: Morning  
Worship with baptism

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy  
Communion

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion

**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe:  
Choral Evensong

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)**

**11.00am** Benefice Holy  
Communion at Lenham





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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Green	Shot	Off	Putting
2	Chain	Money	Teacher	Supply
3	Standard	Flush	Blue	Royal
4	Work	Hair	Ball	Net
5	Training	Paper	Fly	Weight
6	Toffee	Sauce	Pine	Apple
7	Hockey	Cube	Dry	Ice
8	Script	Under	Sign	Writer
9	Sweet	Soup	Nut	Pea
10	Part	Egg	Two	timer
11	Battle	Pole	Pick	Axe
12	Pop	Band	Hall	Concert
13	Combat	Escort	Guard	Armed
14	Spawn	March	Leap	Frog
15	Joy	Horse	Motorbike	Rider
16	Sick	Orn	Maternity	Leave

	Find the missing word?
1	Gregg <b>Wallace</b> , A 'Master Chef' Judge
2	<b>Yellow Submarine</b> , a song from 'The Beatles'
3	Nutbush City <b>Limits</b> , A hit for Ike & Tina Turner
4	<b>Ethel Merman</b> , Stage & Screen star who found fame in the 1930s
5	Caroline <b>Cat</b> , Plays Eousia in 'Doc Martin'
6	<b>Rising Damp</b> , 1970's sit-com with Leonard Rossiter
7	Bobby <b>Ball</b> , Tommy Cannon's partner
8	<b>Jennifer Aniston</b> , Actress who played Rachel in 'Friends'
9	Robin <b>Williams</b> , Actor who starred in 'Mork & Minky'
10	Dudley <b>Moore</b> , Part of a double act with Peter Cook

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