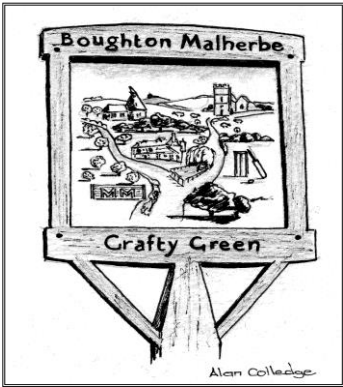


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Front Cover: Di Parker who celebrated her 96th Birthday recently enjoying the sunshine at Ulcombe Church. Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

May 2022

We are still enjoying the excess of chocolate, eggs, bunnies, even hedgehogs and octopuses! (Wanted to write 'octopi', but when I looked it up, it seems that this is not now the accepted plural). Whatever the preferred shape of your chocolate this Easter, I hope you have enjoyed it.

Despite the trauma of war in Europe and violence and deprivation worldwide, we are still able to wonder at the hope and visibility of new life all around us this springtime. The gift of support, peace, and love given to us by God in the bringing to life of his Son, Jesus Christ, at Easter, heralds new and limitless opportunities for us, if only we can put aside our 'unbelief' and hold onto our 'believing'. This was a theme of the sermon given by Neville Emslie at the benefice service on the Sunday after Easter in Ulcombe church, focusing on the story of Thomas and his needing to have proof that Jesus was really alive after his death.

The joy of trees in blossom, the birds nesting, the shoots of flowers and vegetables are all reminders that God's new life never fails.

Reminders

The church porch is open as always, whatever the weather. I am sure it is a blessing to those braving this cold east west up the hill, and to those putting their gifts for the Food Bank in the basket.

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

The tower repairs are sadly not yet complete. Will post the news whenever it is safe to go near the west door again.

Daily Morning Prayer is still available on-line from Canterbury Cathedral as well as other services and talks.

Celtic Morning Prayers are said each Monday 9-9:30am in the side chapel. If you have prayer requests please contact Rev. John Huggins or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said at Morning Prayers or in private if you wish.

Information

Eco-shop. We are looking forward to the completion of the alterations to the side aisle, when we can make much better access to the shop. We hope to have an opening social event to mark the occasion and will keep you posted. These things always take longer than we would hope.

Food Bank. Many thanks to those who leave bags of groceries etc. in the basket in the porch. They are being delivered to Maidstone, where the need is growing.

Donations to Ukraine. The collection point is in Lenham church and vans go regularly across Europe. Just follow the directions at the church and it is open from 9-5pm daily. Main items needed are: *Nappies, baby wipes, baby food/milk (not glass), sanitary items, medical kit basics, pain killers, tinned meat and fish (with ring pulls), blankets and warm socks.*

The Village Coffee times. We are pleased to see so many friends taking time for a drink and a chat, from 12.45-2.15pm. each Tuesday, while the pop-up Post Office is open in the village hall.

Benefice service is here at St.Nicolas at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd May. It will be an outdoor service if the weather permits, when the other three church congregations will join us.

May 29th service. This is a fifth Sunday and we are planning for a Songs of Praise type service at 3.30pm. Please could you pass on your choice of favourite hymn, with your name, as soon as possible to help in the planning.

Outdoor Services. By popular requests, following the success of outdoor services through the pandemic, we hope to have as many services as possible outdoors through the summer.

Jubilee event. We will post plans for an outdoor service as soon as possible. Hoping you can join in.

Wedding. We send our good wishes and prayers for the future to Jenny and Tom after their wedding in St.Nicolas church on Friday 8th of April.

Finale. So many things to look forward to this summer. It will be good to have times together after the difficulties of the last two years. We thank the scientists for their hard work in providing effective, safe, vaccines, to enable this to happen, and to the efforts of everyone to keep each of us as protected as possible.

PS Oh joy, the Nightingales are back in the garden!

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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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting, 30th May, 7 pm.

These important meetings will take place on the evening of 30th May in the village hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to hear about a range of activities and clubs in the Parish and take stock of any actions required to improve the quality of life in the locality.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting follows the Annual Parish Meeting. Council and committee chairmen will be elected and the Council's policies and procedures reviewed at this important meeting.

Please put this date in your diary - we would love to see you.

Vickie Ford, Parish Clerk

Village Hall News – May Newsletter

New Stage

Thanks to grant funding from Maidstone Borough Council the new modular stage has now been received and installed and replaces our old stage which provided the hall with many years of loyal service. It is configured in the same way as the old stage but without the woodworm! It has the advantage that it is flexible in that it can be removed and stored on trolleys to provide extra space in the hall or can be reconfigured around the hall to meet a variety of uses.

New Heating System for the Kitchen

Again after many years of valuable service the hot water system in the kitchen has finally given it's all and has been replaced. Our hope is that the new system will provide us with hot water for many years to come.

Village Hall Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm

We held our Annual General Meeting, (AGM), on the 12th April. We routinely review the hall fees at the AGM and as a committee we are mindful of the increased costs that we are all facing in respect of our day to day living expenses and that the Village Hall as a community asset should be used and enjoyed by us all. To that end we have decided not to increase the hall fees for the coming year which will remain at £8.75 per hour, (this is discounted to £8 per hour for regular hirers).

Film Night

I am pleased to advise you that we have carried out a successful test of the equipment needed to host film nights and we plan to offer these later in the year. If you have any preferences for appropriate films that we could offer please let me know and I will be happy to put your suggestions forward for consideration.

Jon Thompson
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It will be necessary to close part of Eastwood Road, Ulcombe from **17th May 2022**, between the hours of **09:30 and 15:00**, with estimated completion by **23rd May 2022**.

Eastwood Road, Ulcombe will be closed between the junctions with Knowle Road and Lenham Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route is Lenham Road, Headcorn Road, Liverton Hill, Ulcombe Hill, The Street and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while clearance works are undertaken by Openreach.

For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=128546566>

For information regarding this closure please contact Openreach, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

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News from your local MP – Helen Whatley

I know just how awful Kent's roads have been in the last few weeks.

Disruption at the Channel Ports – largely caused by P&O Ferries – has led to the unwelcome return of Operation Brock and huge pressure on our roads.

I've spent my fair share of time in the queues on the M2 and A20 recently, giving me plenty to say to my ministerial colleagues about the continued use of the M20 as a lorry park.

I have made it clear to Transport Ministers and Kent Police that I do not see Operation Brock as successfully managing the situation.

Despite the best efforts of the police - and they have worked hard at this - it's near impossible to stop lorries rat-running to avoid queueing on the M20 and I've heard plenty of tales of lorries ending in single-track lanes causing chaos.

Enforcing Operation Brock has in fact been the main cause of the long queues we've seen at Brenley Corner. I joined Kent Police and DVLA staff on Good Friday to see their traffic management first-hand.

The checks were clearly serving a purpose with several lorries stopped and dispatched to the nearest lay-by to be fined during my visit. But I could also see how each lorry pulled over meant more frustrating delays for local motorists.

Traffic thankfully improved over the Easter weekend, following my calls to stand down Operation Brock at the earliest possible opportunity. But the past few weeks have made it clearer than ever that we need a long-term solution to Operation Brock.

This time the disruption has been caused by P&O Ferries not sailing, but we've seen problems at the Channel Ports before with bad weather, strikes, and Covid. Turning the M20 into a lorry park every time there is disruption at our ports is simply not sustainable.

My strong preference is to see traffic problems handled at source before lorries arrive in Kent. I've stressed to Transport Ministers that disruption at the Channel Ports should not be seen as Kent's problem, it's a UK problem.

Lorries should not be allowed to pile up in Kent when there are queues at Dover. We had plans ready for Brexit, including the Kent Access Permit for HGV drivers. We need to revive those plans and be ready to go further.

Better use of technology like automatic number plate recognition would also help with this and prevent the need for physical checks, which caused such huge problems at Brenley Corner.

We also need to improve our local infrastructure. I met the Roads Minister earlier this month to call for investment at Brenley Corner to finally get the green light so we can fix this bottleneck once and for all.

More lorry parking is also needed both in Kent and further afield for when there is disruption and for normal times. It's important that HGV drivers have somewhere safe to take a break as well as preventing lorry fly-parking.

The Kent Resilience Forum will shortly be carrying out a review of Operation Brock and I look forward to taking part in that. I'll continue to call for better answers to the question of how to manage disruption at the Channel Ports. Kent's motorists deserve better.

St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe

A day to remember, Friday 8th April 2022. The wedding of Jenny Parish and Tom Barratt.

Postponed twice due the covid restrictions the day finally arrived. The weather was kind and remained dry. The bride arrived wearing a spectacular gown in a fully restored vintage Morris Minor.

All went extremely smoothly, very much due to the involvement and preparations by the team at the church. The church was full and candlelit with lanterns and flowers everywhere. The help and advice provided prior to the event was exceptional, making us 'the family' feel that this was as important to the church as it was to us.

St Nicholas serves the hamlet of Boughton Malherbe and the village of Grafty Green. It commands wonderful views from the top of the Greensand Ridge. Every summer they offer cream teas on a Sunday afternoon. They also have available a wide range of ecological products such as shampoo and cleaning fluids. (Bring your own container)

Finally I will urge everyone to visit this jewel in our village and can fully recommend it for any event.

Ken Parish

Grafty Gourmet

I thought I would do a chocolate-based recipe this month. I don't know about you, but chocolate is a good "pick me up", especially during these difficult times. And anyone who knows me, knows that I can never say no to chocolate ! This is a different kind of a brownie recipe which does not use flour. It makes it more of a chocolate indulgence. The chocolate sauce is optional, and I must warn, it is very very chocolately ! Serve with ice cream and the hot chocolate sauce for extra "pick me up".

Chocolate Brownies With Hot Chocolate Sauce

For the Brownies:

225 grams of dark chocolate
(minimum 70% cocoa solids)
225 grams of butter
2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
200 grams of caster sugar
3 large eggs (beaten)
150 grams of ground almonds
100 grams of chopped walnuts

For the Hot Chocolate Sauce:

75 grams of dark chocolate (minimum
70% cocoa solids)
125 millilitres of double cream
2 teaspoons of instant espresso
powder
1 tablespoons of water
1 tablespoon of golden syrup

For the Brownies:

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C (150°C Fan Oven). Melt the chocolate and butter gently over a low heat in a heavy-based saucepan.
2. Take the pan off the heat and mix in the vanilla and sugar, and let it cool a little, before adding the eggs (the eggs will start cooking if the chocolate is too warm, but you do not want the chocolate to go solid again). Once cooled, Beat the eggs into the pan along with the ground almonds and chopped walnuts. Turn into a 24cm / 9-inch square baking tin. Use a foil one if possible, as this makes it easier to get the Brownie out after baking.
3. Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes, by which time the top will have set but the mixture will still be gooey. (Do not over cook, as the top will burn. The centre is supposed to be slightly squidgy, but will go solid once cooled). When cooled, cut carefully, four down, four across, into 16 squares.

For the Sauce:

1. Break up the chocolate and put into a heavy-based saucepan.
2. Dissolve the instant espresso powder in the water and add this, along with the remaining ingredients into the saucepan, then place the pan over a gentle heat and let everything melt together.
Once everything has melted, stir well, take off the heat and pour into a jug to serve.
3. Enjoy !



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For more information, please check out our website (www.lenhamfilmclub.org) or follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub). If you'd like to be added to our mailing list or become a member, please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com

*Admission: members £4, non-members £5
Annual membership £6 (over 16's only);*

Sue's Nature Notes

A couple of notes on how you can start the spring/summer season and enable the wildlife to prosper:-

There is a trend now known as '**No Mow May**' (or maybe only mow once a month through the growing season!) to allow the grass to grow longer, which will give cover to many small creatures, and for a variety of wild flowers to flourish; the insect life will increase and they are at the start of the food chain. Another upside to this is saving on fuel and your energy.

Nesting birds; you may well have seen the signs in your garden of the birds that like to nest in shrubbery/hedges but some birds nest on the ground in woodland and open fields and they will be vulnerable to being disturbed by walkers and dogs. Locally there are skylarks, meadow pipits, in woodlands nearby - woodcock, pheasants and partridge. Further afield you could come across lapwings, nightjars and a variety of ducks.



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Music Notes for May 2022 – B Hardy

Plenty of good local orchestral music in May, (if you look around there is more that I haven't listed) but a bit thin on choral concerts – that's the consequence of many choral presentations around Easter. The strongly recommended concert at Leeds Church on 28th will reduce the bias a little as it includes both singers and keyboard. So my May list is:

Sat 7th May 6.30pm at St. Martin's Church, Northumberland Rd. Maidstone, ME15 7LP, the Maidstone Singers perform Schubert's *G Major Mass* and Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass*. Tickets 07802 575656. The Singers are also inviting other choristers to join in this concert on a one-day "come and sing" basis – details 01622 737916

Also on 7th May, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, Maidstone Wind Symphony have a concert entitled "Textures" and featuring guest soloist Alastair Penman. Tickets <https://www.maidstonewindsymphony.org/>

Sat 21st May 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, ME15 7RN, the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra continues its season with a concert that includes Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No2* – soloist Daniel Lebhadt, and Sibelius' *Symphony No.2*. Tickets 07817 429143 or on the door.

Sat 28th May 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds, ME17 1RJ, a trio of musicians from The Chapel Royal at Hampton Court provide a concert of May Music. Tickets 01622 842915

This month's anniversary is the birth of Richard Wagner on May 22nd in Leipzig. This German dramatic composer and theorist whose operas and music had a revolutionary influence on the course of Western music, either by extension of his discoveries or reaction against them. Among his major works are *The Flying Dutchman* (1843), *Tannhäuser* (1845), *Lohengrin* (1850), *Tristan und Isolde* (1865), *Parsifal* (1882), and his great tetralogy, *The Ring of the Nibelung* (1869–76).

The artistic and theatrical background of Wagner's early years (several elder sisters became opera singers or actresses) was a main formative influence. Impulsive and self-willed, he was a negligent scholar at school. He frequented concerts, however, taught himself the piano and composition, and read the plays of Shakespeare, Goethe, and Schiller.

Attracted by the glamour of student life he enrolled at Leipzig University, but as an adjunct with inferior privileges, since he had not completed his preparatory schooling. Although he lived wildly, he applied himself earnestly to composition. He failed to get his first opera produced at Leipzig and became conductor to a provincial theatrical troupe from Magdeburg, having fallen in love with one of the actresses of the troupe, Wilhelmine (Minna) Planer, whom he married in 1836.

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1	Gordon _____, England's 1966 World Cup winning Goalkeeper
2	_____ Ravel, Orchestral piece 'Bolero' which Torvill & Dean ice danced in 1984 Olympics
3	John Wilkes _____, Assassin of Abraham Lincoln
4	_____ Piaf, Known as 'The Little Sparrow'
5	Paddy _____, Late first leader of The Liberal Democrats
6	_____ Vine, Brother of Jeremy famed for his one-liners
7	Death on the _____, An Agatha Christie novel
8	_____ a Rolling Stone, A Bob Dylan hit
9	Clement _____, British PM from 1945 to 1951
10	Ursa _____, Latin name for the constellation 'Little Bear'

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Back	Man	Snow	Plough
2	Cabinet	Eye	Puppet	
3	Post	School	Touch	
4	Pawn	Stock	Insurance	
5	Channel	Rose	Mustard	
6	Pitch	Team	Test	
7	Con	Make-Up	Recording	
8	Adder	Pastry	Powder	
9	Main	Marsh	Mask	
10	Brand	Fangled	World	
11	Mirror	Nut	Span	
12	Fly	Hover	Lawn	
13	Barrel	Garden	Small	
14	Aid	Shop	Tag	
15	Boxing	Free	Start	
16	Arm	Back	Room	

Grafty Green Gardening Club
Program of Events 2022
Our 25th Year

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

On May 3rd we begin our popular Summer Programme visits with an outing to Bilting House, Godmersham, TN25 4HA. We are meeting at 6pm. This is a 6-acre garden, with ha ha set in a beautiful part of the Stour Valley. Rhododendrons, Azaleas and ornamental shrubs. A woodland walk with spring bulbs. Also a rose garden and herbaceous borders etc. See you there!

Our Plant Sale is on 7th May at 10 a.m. on the Village Green or in the Village Hall if it is wet. Come and stock up on you tomato and vegetable plants while enjoying a tea/coffee and biscuit, cake and a chat with friends and neighbours.

May 20th to 22nd is our weekend garden trip away to West Sussex and Hampshire. We are staying at a hotel in Salisbury with visits to the Gilbert White and The Oates Collection, Spinners Gardens, Furzey Gardens and Arundel Castle Gardens.

In our Gardens: - We need to keep an eye out for pests and diseases. Keeping plants in the garden healthy and well watered and fed will reduce stress on plants. Don't introduce vine weevil into containers along with new plants, where they can wreak havoc. The white grubs are easily spotted. Hoeing will keep down weeds as they germinate. Early intervention will give weeds less opportunity to set seed. Feed, weed and mow lawns regularly to encourage new growth. And then, sit and enjoy your hard work!

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club

Speedwatch volunteers

Boughton Malherbe PC are looking for volunteers for restarting our Community Speedwatch scheme. Our speedwatch scheme is undertaken within the 30mph limit in Grafty Green

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is **a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds.** The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down.

If you are interested in volunteering for Speedwatch please contact boughtonmalherbepc@gmail.com

Yoga Classes in Grafty Green Village Hall with Sue Burch

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Christian Message May 2022

It's hard to write a Christian message for May in mid-March as world news will have moved on so much in another six weeks but I suspect we are all feeling slightly speechless:

Speechless at President Putin's decision to invade Ukraine;
speechless at the speed at which homes and towns are being destroyed;
and speechless at the number of people either displaced from their homes, or who never made it to safety and are now lost to their loved ones.

We have all looked on in disbelief that a country is being destroyed, and fearful of the repercussions around the world. Where is God in all of this?

Watching the news, horrific as it is, I do see God at work everywhere:

Ukrainian officials and soldiers have shown such strength of character to stay in their towns and defend their country despite being vastly outnumbered by their invaders;
families needing to flee have been welcomed by neighbouring countries offering homes to stay in;
and aid has been pouring in from all around the world in the form of money, food, medical supplies, toiletries, blankets and winter clothing.

Locally, we have a collection point in St Mary's Church in Lenham for essential supplies, and as I write this, I have just been told of video footage of the first lorry, with provisions from the Len Valley Benefice, arriving safely in the Ukraine. My thanks goes to those who have organised or contributed to this significant effort and continue to do so. Jesus said:

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...

... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25: 35, 36 and 40).

There are miracles happening too. A pastor in Lviv, reported that he had seen rockets disappear in the air without reaching their targets and enemy tanks running out of fuel, their drivers lost and asking for help. Locally I heard of someone offering a supply of PPE without knowing that the people at the depot in Maidstone were, at that moment, wondering where they could find supplies of - PPE.

None of this makes war less horrific and I am mindful that the invasions could step up a gear at any moment, but it does bring hope. Reporters have described Ukrainians, from President Zelenskyy to the ordinary person in the street, fuelled by faith and trust

in God, showing such tenacity and bravery. Many of us feel we want to help but find it hard to know what to do that will be of any effect.

We can donate money to organisations such as:

Shelterbox: shelterbox.org
CAFOD: cafod.org.uk
DEC: dec.org.uk

We can donate supplies. The following items are currently needed and would be welcomed at St Mary's Church in Lenham:

Baby food/formula (no glass)	(Paracetamol/Ibuprofen)
Nappies	Antiseptic Wipes
Wipes	Cough sweets
Sanitary items	Cereal Bars
Medicine	Canned Fish & Meat

An updated list will be displayed in the church if requirements change.

We can offer a room to stay in. If you would like to sponsor an individual or family and can let them stay with you for a minimum of six months, visit

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

We can pray. Christians from countries throughout the world are praying at specific hours of the day. Many Christians in England have committed to pause for a minute at 9pm every evening, to pray for the peace and an end to the conflict, for the safety of us all and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. If you can't find any words to say, why not sit quietly and light a candle. The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) has published the following prayer which may also be helpful:

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all of the world.
Amen.



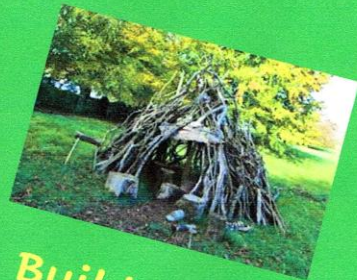
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Len Valley Benefice May 2022

Sunday 1st May

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

9.30am Ulcombe: Café Church

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church

11.00am Harrietsham: Family-
friendly Morning Worship with
Baptism

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

Wednesday 4th May

9.30am Lenham: Holy
Communion Service

Saturday 7th May

3pm Messy Church @ St Mary's
Lenham

Sunday 8th May

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church followed by joining the
market.

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th May

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

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

Sunday 22nd May

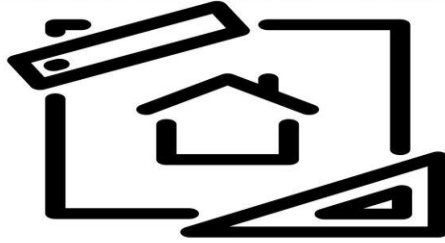
10.30am Benefice Holy
Communion at Boughton
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Sunday 29th May

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Back	Man	Snow	Plough
2	Cabinet	Eye	Puppet	Shadow
3	Post	School	Touch	Finishing
4	Pawn	Stock	Insurance	Broker
5	Channel	Rose	Mustard	English
6	Pitch	Team	Test	Cricket
7	Con	Make-Up	Recording	Artist
8	Adder	Pastry	Powder	Puff
9	Main	Marsh	Mask	Gas
10	Brand	Fangled	World	New
11	Mirror	Nut	Span	Wing
12	Fly	Hover	Lawn	Mower
13	Barrel	Garden	Small	Beer
14	Aid	Shop	Tag	Gift
15	Boxing	Free	Start	Kick
16	Arm	Back	Room	Rest

	Find the missing word?
1	Gordon Banks , England's 1966 World Cup winning goalkeeper
2	Maurice Ravel, Orchestral piece 'Bolero' which Torill & Dean ice danced in 1984 Olympics
3	John Wilkes Booth , Assassin of Abraham Lincoln
4	Edith Piaf, Known as 'The Little Sparrow'
5	Paddy Ashdown , Late first leader of The Liberal Democrats
6	Tim Vine, Brother of Jeremy famed for his one-liners
7	Death on the Nile , An Agatha Christie novel
8	Like a Rolling Stone, A Bob Dylan hit
9	Clement Attlee , British PM from 1945 to 1951
10	Ursa Minor , Latin name for the constellation 'Little Bear'

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