

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- the Rochester Archdeaconry
- the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome

Please continue to pray for the sick and those in need:-

Sarah Beaney; Jill Boyd; Jacqui Culmer; Tarquin Gillespie; Beryl Guarnori; Jennifer Martin; Peggy Pope; Hannah West; Gordon and Margaret Wheeler; Diana Young.

Please remember the recently departed, especially Jackie Edwards and Verity Clarke, and all those who mourn them.

+ **For those in need, O Lord, we make our prayer:
the sick in mind or in body;
the blind, the deaf and the disabled;
the isolated; the sorrowing, the anxious and the perplexed.
Lord, give them courage, patience and peace of heart,
and do for them whatever is for their good.
We give thanks and pray for those who care for them.** +

To enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Priest-in-Charge or one of the Churchwardens.



The retiring collection was meant to be voluntary

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*To live the love of God,
in the Way of Christ Jesus
in our parish and community*

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13th May 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension Day

Welcome to today's Services:

8 am Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist



Monday 14th 8 pm Compline
Tuesday 15th 9 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Senior Guides
7 pm Guides
Wednesday 16th 9 am Morning Prayer
9.45 am Holy Communion
10 am Parent and Toddler group
5 pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 17th 9 am Morning Prayer
5 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm Choir Practice
Friday 18th 9 am Morning Prayer
5 pm Evening Prayer
5.45 pm Brownies
7.45 pm Guides
Saturday 19th 9.30 am STIFF Walk (*for details see over*)



NEXT SUNDAY

20th May 2018

Pentecost

Readings:- Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

8 am Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist



THY KINGDOM COME - ASCENSION TO PENTECOST

Booklets are now available at the back of church for use at morning and evening prayer as part of "Thy Kingdom Come". Please take one to use. There are also Novena booklets - reflections for those nine days and also journals for young adults. Do please take any that will be useful to you - we can always get some more!



STIFF WALK

The next STIFF walk is on Saturday 19th May: Part 3 of the Wealden Round from Markbeeche to Cowden (3½ miles) plus a further 2 miles to make a circular walk back to Markbeeche. Please meet at the car park in Pennington Grounds at 9.30 am. Please wear suitable footwear and bring a stick. For more information, please speak to Carol Prentice



INSPIRED TO FOLLOW: ART AND THE BIBLE STORY

is a resource to help people explore the Christian faith, using paintings and Biblical story as the starting points. It has been created

by St. Martin-in- the-Fields in partnership with the National Gallery. We will be looking at one picture and bible story each month in two groups. The theme of our May sessions will be **Moses and the Law** and they will take place on:

Monday 21st May at 7pm in church for an hour. If you wish, you can stay for Compline at 8pm.

Or **Friday 25th May at lunchtime**. Meet at 1pm in the Parish Room, starting with soup or sandwiches. So that we can plan the food, please sign up at the back of church or email martin.clay@btconnect.com.

Leaflets are available at the back of church and there is more information on the notice board.



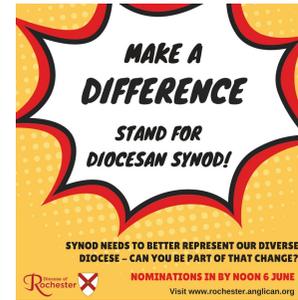
SAVE THE DATE!

The Create choir will hold a concert here at St Thomas's on Saturday July 7th.

The theme "Around the British Isles" expressed in song and words, maybe a kindly olive twig to the

Brexiters but more importantly an opportunity for St Thomas's to raise some money- tickets @ £5 each, 50/50 split with CREATE

Watch this space. Further details from Fiona Brown



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – STAND FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD

Want to make a difference? Don't feel your voice, or others like you are heard? Then stand for Diocesan Synod! Nominations are now open, so take this opportunity to serve the Diocese, your Deanery and your Parish by playing a part in delivering and shaping the 'Called Together' vision. Lay and ordained of all ages (over 16),

perspectives and background are welcome to stand. To find out more head over to the Diocese of Rochester's website -

www.rochester.anglican.org - and look under the 'Diocese' menu tab for election details, or email Suzanne.rogers@rochester.anglican.org

Nominations close on 6 June. Good luck!



BAPTISMS

I'm delighted that we have a number of forthcoming Baptisms - this is a real source of joy and a sign of flourishing - do please pray for the families and children concerned and come along to support their baptisms if you can.

They are - Elisabeth Blackwell with parents Nick and Diane

(well known to us!) - 27th May 2018

Lily Sarolli with parents Marcello and Marie - 24th June 2018

Elsie Fowler with parents Ian and Lian - 19th August 2018.

We welcome them all - please pray for them - and for their godparents.

GREEN NOTE

You will know that at our APCM, we passed a resolution to approve and support joining a newly formed Southborough and Bidborough Group Ministry. At their recent APCM the churches in the Southborough Team Ministry agreed on a similar move. This is good news and all the details of how things will now proceed are on our latest Green Note at the back of church. Do take the time to read it if you have not already done so. If you want further information, please speak to Rachel, Michael, Eric or Tina.

REMEMBER you can sponsor any Sunday order of service or flowers in memory of a loved one or an event, with a donation to parish funds. Please contact Andrea in the office (01892 617398 or sainthomas1860@btinternet.com)