

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH , LUCKS HILL, WEST MALLING**

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**THE EASTER DAYS  
Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)  
13th May 2018**

**THIS WEEKEND** We celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter and continue our preparation for Pentecost. It's also World Communications Day with prayers and a collection during the Notices for the work of the Catholic Communication Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. It's also the 'Survive-Miva' appeal, one of our special charities this year, and we welcome Carol who will be talking to us at all Masses about the important work of this Catholic Lay Association which provides funding for essential transport for health outreach work and pastoral care in isolated rural areas and places of difficult access in the poorer countries of our world.

**NEXT WEEKEND** We celebrate Pentecost with a new coming of the Holy Spirit with His gifts to seal the new love, Resurrection and life we have received in this Easter Season in our lives and help us to live and build it. The 5pm Mass will be the Vigil Mass of Pentecost with the joy of the Reception of Nicola Gallagher into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist and ask you to pray for Nicola and her family. The 10am Mass is our Pentecost Family Mass and there will be a rehearsal for this and Children's Workshop on Thursday at 3.30pm. The 5.30pm Mass will be led by the Youth Group (meet at 4pm in the Priest's House). Many thanks for all who will be working to help us to celebrate this great Feast.

**THANKS**

- To Iris Roots who has made a very generous donation of £2,000 to the Parish - there is a card of thanks for those who remember Iris to sign in the porch.
- To the Malling Institute who have made a grant of £1,800 to the Youth Group for equipment and development.

**CONFIRMATION** THE CALL FOR CONFIRMATION WILL BE MADE THIS WEEKEND - please see the special page 3 of this Newsletter and read carefully. The call is also open to any adults who wish to be confirmed.

**MASSES & SERVICES**

<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Survive-Miva Appeal</b>	12	2.30pm 5pm	Baptism: Braydon Sweeney Simon Maher RIP (Alice, Margaret and Maureen)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)</b> <b>World Communications Day</b> <b>Survive-Miva Appeal</b>	13	10am 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) Josephine Engelbrecht RIP The Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> (St. Matthias)	14	9.30am 7.30pm	Communion Service Thy Kingdom Come Ecumenical Service
<b>TUESDAY</b> (Ascensioentide)	15	9.30am 11am	Joan Charlton (Dee and Peter) Funeral Service for Susan Walkling RIP at Vinters Park Crematorium
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> (St. Simon Stock)	16	9.30am	Communion Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> (Ascensioentide)	17	9.30am	Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b> (Ascensioentide)	18	9.30am 1.30pm	(8.15am - Mass in St. Simon Stock) Communion Service Funeral Mass for John Calloway RIP followed by a Service at Wateringbury Cemetery
<b>SATURDAY</b> (Vigil of Pentecost)	19	5pm	Vigil Mass of Pentecost - Reception of Nicola Gallagher
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	20	10am 5.30pm	(Pentecost Family Mass) (Youth Mass) (Masses for Parishioners, Families and Friends - Living and Dead)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4.30 to 4.45pm**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Baby Giorgio Gangemi; Joan Wegrzyn; Jenny Craddock; Nicholas Powell; Terry Barton; Betty Ward; Max Bryer; Sue Foley; Meg and Tony Brewer; Moira Stevens; James Hay; Libby Batchelor; Brendin O'Doherty; Sarah Content; Marian Glennon; Mary Rumsey; our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital, Hospice and local Nursing Homes. Please pray, too, for all affected by cutbacks, illnesses and other challenges in our country and world.

**RECENTLY DEAD:** John Calloway; Alfie Evans; Joe Dennis; Susan Walkling; Fr. Michael Murphy; Kevin Osborne. Also Colin Mansfield (month's mind). Please keep in your prayers all who have died in conflict throughout the world especially the innocent civilians.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy Bolton; Mr Stevens; Peter Littlefear; Frank Dolan; Peter Shields; Thomas Gaule; May Noschese; Cosmo De Bosdari; Kenneth Franklin; Anne Avery; James Corcoran; Mary Heaney; Peggy Hey; Allan Beard; Daniel Byrne.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 13</b>	10am	Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
<b>MONDAY 14</b>	7.30pm	'Thy Kingdom Come' Service in Church
<b>TUESDAY 15</b>	1.30-3pm 7pm	Baby & Toddler Group meet in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre Churches Together in Snodland meet in the Vicarage
<b>WEDNESDAY 16</b>		Council of Priests in London
<b>THURSDAY 17</b>	3.30-4.30pm	Children's Pentecost Workshop in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
<b>FRIDAY 18</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 19</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 20</b>	10am 4pm	No Children's Liturgy (Pentecost Family Mass) Youth Group meet in the Priest's House to prepare for Pentecost Mass

**THANK YOU** for your Offerings which amounted to £682.29 (Standing Orders average £303 per week).

**100 CLUB** Congratulations go to Paddy Griffin (No.49) for the May draw.

**GIFT AID FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS** If a collection is not for the Parish it can only be GIFT-AIDED if there is a pre-printed envelope, either in your box or one from the Charity itself eg. CAFOD / Apostleship of the Sea. Parish second collections eg. Flowers / Welfare / Sponsored walk can be GIFT-AIDED if you use one of your spare envelopes or one of the white envelopes at the back of the Church. In either case please mark the envelope with the intent of the donation. If it is not marked your donation may go to the wrong organisation.

## FUNDRAISING

**£2,000.05 total raised in April through donations and events. Overall total raised is £78,311.43**

**Amount still owed on loan is £6,688.57**

**A final push is needed to raise the remaining balance of the loan which needs to be repaid by November 2018**

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**LUCIA'S CONCERT** on Sunday 27th May. Refreshments from 3.30pm. Concert begins at 4pm.

Suggested donations of Adults £5 and Children £1

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**NEEDLEWORK AND KNITTING GROUP** meet on **Wednesday 13th June** from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Church porch. A £2 contribution towards the Building Fund is requested at each meeting.

All welcome or call Chris on 01732 841522

**SAVE THE DATE** The Parish / School Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th June from 11am to 2pm.

**GARDEN STALL** Part of the Summer Fayre will be a garden stall and donations of plants etc are being asked for nearer the time. Please see Eileen Scholes for more information about this.

**PRE-SCHOOL** St. Thomas More Pre-School are looking for a new part-time member of staff (term-time only). If you are interested please contact Cathy Collins on 01732 874559 for an application form and more information.

**BEREAVEMENT RETREAT** to be held at Minster Abbey on June 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>. For further information go to [www.minsterabbeynuns.org](http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org) or write to Minster Abbey, Church St., Minster. Nr. Ramsgate. Kent. CT12 4HF **Tel:** 01843 821254

**EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF HEART OF KENT HOSPICE** KM Colour Run on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Bettshanger Country Park near Deal. Adult entry is £20.00 and children £12.00. Under 4s run free with an adult - no need for them to be registered. Adult participants are encouraged to raise a minimum of £75.00 in sponsorship. To book your place visit [www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/challenge/colour-run](http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/challenge/colour-run) Also 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual KM Charity Walk on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June which will take in the picturesque Kentish countryside around Maidstone with a start and finish at the Grade II listed Mote House where you will check-in. Check in between 8.00 and 10.00 am. To book your place visit [www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/challenge/charitywalk/](http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/challenge/charitywalk/) Please see the Notice Board for more details.

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS** For safeguarding reasons all children under 10 must be escorted to the toilet during Mass. Could we also remind parishioners that the doors inside Church must be accessible at all times and that prams or other items must not block them. Thank you.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Wiesia's Group - week beginning 14th May.

**NOTICES** Including Far east Magazine and a poster for Malling Churches Together. Please see the Notice Board for more details.

## AREA GROUP MEETINGS

**Larkfield, Ditton, East Malling and Teston** meet on Saturday 19th May at 12.30pm. Venue: 77 New Hythe Lane, Larkfield. ME20 6PP. Contact Maria and Dave Abbott 01732 843307

**Kings Hill and Mereworth** meet on Wednesday 23rd May at 8pm. Venue: 38 Braeburn Way, Kings Hill. ME19 4BG. Contact Ana and Geoff Wild 01732 220661

# CONFIRMATION 2018

This year there are two courses being run for Confirmation on Sunday 14th October in the Maidstone Deanery.

1. I will be running our usual course here for young people at present in **Year 10** and above (ie born on or before 31st August 2003) which we are also opening up to the Deanery. The course is geared for Year 10 and above with personal interviews throughout the course - a group study and renewal of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist in June / July - a personal Prayer Training Programme for each candidate at home during the Summer Holiday period - a group study of Confirmation and its call to us as individuals and as members of the Church and Parish in September with follow-up meetings and interviews after the Confirmation in October and November. We shall also be joining with St. Francis, Maidstone in the Deanery Day of Preparation on 7th October and candidates will have the option of joining St. Francis in the Deanery residential weekend on 13th to 15th July.
2. The second course which will be open to young people at present in **Year 9** and above (born on or before 31st August 2004) is being held at St. Francis, Maidstone and any young people in Year 9 in the Parish will be welcome to join them if they don't want to wait for the Year 10 and above course here next year.

We shall be making the Call for Confirmation for Year 10 and above at our Masses here on the 7th Sunday of Easter (13th May); Pentecost Sunday (20th May) and finally on Trinity Sunday (27th May) where information and application forms will be available.

Information forms for young people in Year 9 who wish to join the course at St. Francis, Maidstone are available to be collected from me at our Masses here this weekend (28th / 29th April).

*Fr. Peter*