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FEBRUARY 2022



- 2nd Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 9th Arts Society Lecture
Egerton Millennium Hall 2.30pm
- 9th Youth Club
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 11th Eat, Pray, Walk from car park at
Doddington Church 1.30pm
- 23rd Youth Club
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm

MARCH

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Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
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- 11th Eat, Pray, Walk 1.30pm
Doddington Church car park
- 11th Spring Quiz
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm

History of Eastling

Eastling Parish Council are grateful to the estate of the late Hugh Perks for allowing us to publish his History of Eastling.

You can find the link on Eastling's Village Website

<https://www.eastlingvillage.co.uk/> .

Just click on the link on the front page.

Monthly walk, tea, cake and prayer for all ages
Start and finish in Doddington Church Car Park
1.30pm to 3.00pm

Dates
11th Feb
11th March
8th April
13th May
10th June
8th July

Eat Pray Walk *Celebrating God in creation*

Commissioning of Caroline Ramshaw as an Anna Chaplain

6th February 2022, 10.30am in Eastling Church

A few months ago I wrote about becoming an Anna Chaplain for the benefice of Kingsdown and Creekside and High Downs.

What is an Anna Chaplain? Anna Chaplaincy is a specialised Ministry for those of our elderly population. I can visit the elderly either in their own homes or in a care home, I can listen to them, pray with them and assist with bringing communion to them? An Anna Chaplain is someone who accompanies older people at this stage of their lives and can promote spiritual welfare. However, I must state here that being an Anna Chaplain is a service offered to those with much, little or no faith, whatever that faith may be.

As an Anna Chaplain I can be a catalyst for change, an enabler, an advocate, a listener, a friend and a navigator through the journey of growing old.

Anna Chaplains can enable spiritual care, spiritual care is not necessarily religious. Spiritual care offers love, friendship, comfort and hope in ways that are meaningful to those concerned.

Spiritual support can enable older people to live more peacefully in their later years and be better prepared to face the end of their earthly life.

I am being commissioned as an Anna Chaplain on 6th February at our morning worship.

I would like to invite you to come and support me as I am commissioned and if you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit or a phone call please feel free to contact me, my details can be found on the contacts page.



This month's message is from Lissie Bayford, Licensed Reader

How would you describe yourself? How do others see you? Do others see you as you see yourself or do they see something different? I was asked to reflect on this recently and to select a number of adjectives that I would use to describe myself, and then to ask friends and family to select adjectives that they thought would best describe me. It was an interesting exercise, and one of the things I found fascinating was my reaction to the adjective 'religious'. Two of my friends described me as 'religious' and I was quite upset! I don't describe myself as religious, so it set me thinking about the word.

'Religion' has connotations for me of orthodoxy, of rigid rule-keeping, of adherents who think that they alone hold the truth, and therefore put themselves at odds with others who think differently. Religion, sex and politics are the subjects most likely to spark conflicting opinions, and indeed religious differences have been the cause of innumerable wars, conflicts and persecutions. These are all things that I cannot align myself with and have no part to play in my relationship with God.

However, I recently read that the word 'religion' derives from 're' meaning 'again', and 'ligios' meaning 'connection', as in the word 'ligaments'. So it would seem that religion is intended to connect us again. This feels much more like it! For me, religion should all about connections – connecting us with ourselves, connecting us with each

other, connecting us with the plant & animal life around us, connecting us with the whole of creation; essentially connecting us with God who through Christ connects with us through all these things. The world doesn't need any more division or separation. When we see ourselves only through our own lenses, when we see other people as 'my tribe, or *not* my tribe', when we see creation as inferior and disposable, then we separate ourselves from God who is the creating, reconciling, loving power behind the universe.

Here in Doddington, we have started something called 'Eat Pray Walk'. We meet on Friday afternoons in the church car park once a month to walk gently together through our beautiful countryside for about 45 minutes, ending up at the church where we share refreshments and plenty of homemade cake, and finish off with an opportunity to give thanks to God and to ask for help where we need it. It's not about signing up to anything. It's not about fundraising. It's not about judging you or telling you what to think or how to live your life. It's about connecting with God through ourselves, each other, and creation and sharing the journey whatever our experiences. The next one is on 11th February meeting at 1.30pm. You'd be made very welcome.

With love, light and the blessings of Christ
Lissie Bayford

Lynsted Church
10:15am drinks
10:30am start
Sunday
20th February

New!

Bible stories
Prayer
Singing
Activities
bring something to recycle
Coffee and cake

Time together in church
for all ages



A group of people came together recently to create a worship service that all ages could enjoy and participate in.

On Sunday 16th January 2022 the first of these, hopefully regular services, took place in Lynsted Church, welcoming an excited set of people from across our combined benefice.

It was a chance to meet friends that we hadn't seen since before covid lockdown and to make new friends. It was wonderful to see young and old joining together in worship, singing, praying, being creative and generally having a fun time.

Adults were as keen as youngsters to join in the craft activities and stayed on after the service to finish their creations.

Our next such service will be at 10:30am on Sunday 20th February at Lynsted Church. Refreshments served from 10:15am.

All are welcome.

Prayer Pointers February 2022



Mondays - Praise God for his goodness and unfailing love.

Tuesdays - Pray for all living with mental health problems.

Wednesdays - Pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Thursdays - Praise the Lord for new sights of spring in our gardens and countryside.

Fridays - Pray for comfort and the Lord's healing power for those in distress..

Saturdays - Give thanks for remembered moments of falling in love.

Sundays - Pray for Her Majesty The Queen on the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne on 6th February; give thanks for her care and dedication to her country.

Eastling Church February 2022



6th Steph

13th Steph

20th Suzie

27th Tish

March - Lent no flowers

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Happy New Year everyone and let us hope we can get back to some sort of normality now, learning to live with Covid-19.

Our first Meeting of 2022 is at Stalisfield Village Hall and will be on Wednesday 2nd February at 7.30. p.m. We have Helen Tobias-Kendall returning by popular demand, giving her talk on "Princesses and Pearls", so bring along your pearls, fake, simulated, cultured or even real ones.

March will see a completely different subject and very much in every woman's interest. Johanna van Blommestein, the Bra Boss of Kent will be talking about her business that she set up in 2018 in her garden shed. She aims to provide much needed 'support' to the ladies of Kent, giving advice on how to get a good fit, what is a bad fit and will show her range from everyday wear through to post op. In 2020 Johanna was a Finalist in the 'Kent Women in Business Awards' and then last year was also a Finalist in the 'Shed of the Year Awards' Cabin/Summerhouse Category. Join us on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30 p.m. and bring your friends too.

The full itinerary of 2022 Events will be posted on the Noticeboard outside of Stalisfield Hall and also on our Otterden & Stalisfield Facebook page when completely finalised.

If you would like to join us or just wish to come along to try out our Group, please contact our President Ellie Cameron Tel. 01795 892016.



At Stalisfield Village Hall
Friday 11th March at 7pm

Contact Kate Jamieson:

katejamiesoncornhill@gmail.com to book a table of 6, or to join another table.

Bring your own food and drink and exercise the old grey matter!

£5 per person

Short Mat Bowls

Now open on Wednesday evenings in
Eastling Village Hall, 7 - 9pm.

New members are very welcome, equipment is provided, all we ask is for you to wear flat soled shoes.

Membership fee is £5.00

and we charge £2.00 for the 2 hours.

Come along and have a go, contact Roy Piles on 537162.



Churches, Christian charities and youth organisations are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June. A new website has been created – www.theplatinumjubilee.com – to provide ideas and resources for communities to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

The UK and Commonwealth will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June 2022.

HOPE Together is working with a wide range of partners to help churches around the Commonwealth to mark this special occasion and, in particular, to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service. As with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, HOPE Together and partners will provide a range of ideas and resources for communities, schools, churches and youth organisations.

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring

communities together for these national celebrations."

HOPE's Platinum Jubilee Highlights will include:

Our Faithful Queen - a gift book using rarely-seen prayers the Queen prayed as she prepared for the Coronation, will be published by HOPE Together and Biblica in February 2022 to buy and give away.

A Happylands animation and book 'The Girl Who Grew Up To Be Queen' for under-5s is to be published by HOPE Together in partnership with The Entertainer and Hope for Every Home.

A new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve' has been commissioned by HOPE Together and written by contemporary hymn writers Graham Kendrick, Mal Pope and Rend Collective for choirs to sing as part of the celebrations.

70 Acts of Service – an invitation to communities to celebrate by serving others with 70 community service ideas drawing on Stewardship's 40 Acts



On Her Majesty's Service for 11-14s – youth organisations, schools and uniformed organisations are involved. Resources include ideas for action and videos to use.

Also – the following websites may be of use to you!

www.theplatinumjubilee.com - a dedicated website with all the ideas and resources you'll need to bring your community together to celebrate Banners, posters and other Platinum Jubilee branded resources will be available from CPO - www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee

The Platinum Jubilee – Celebration of Faith & Service logos can be downloaded

from www.theplatinumjubilee.com. As the four-day Bank Holiday ends at Pentecost, our partners [Thy Kingdom Come](#) are also providing a Cheeky Pandas film, song and book for primary school children – with resource packs for home/church/school and community events.



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However it may be delivered via Zoom if Covid continues to pose a risk to meetings

Visitors are very welcome but anyone who is not a member of the Arts Society Egerton should check whether the meeting will be at the Hall or via Zoom. Please contact Christine Willis via cmwillis75@gmail.com or 01233 756377 by 2nd February if you wish to attend. Payment for visitors is £5 for Hall and £4 for Zoom.

William Randolph Hearst had an obsession: In 1935, *Forbes Magazine* called him, "quantitatively the world's number one collector of *Objets d'Art*" and when he died *The New York Times* stated that during the 1920s and 30s, he alone had accounted for 25% of the world's art market activity. But to where was this king's ransom headed, and hoarded? Some of you will already know of Hearst Castle in California, but lesser known is his 5-story Gothic castle hidden within a Manhattan apartment block; his weekend home on Long Island that inspired the castle in *The Wizard of Oz*; his sprawling 12th century castle in Wales with its own ghosts; and, the Bavarian village he built around his mother's 7-story *schloss* deep in the forests of Northern California. Through the unparalleled extravagance of the places he lived in and loved, we'll take a dive into the extraordinary life of the man who Orson Welles famously satirized as *Citizen Kane* - the same man who changed the face of journalism forever and built 'the greatest publicity machine in history', but died paying rent to his creditors

Mark is a writer, the founder of HouseHistree.com, and lectures regularly at societies, festivals and clubs in both Europe and the United States. After leaving Stowe School, Mark worked for twenty years as a plumber in London. However, his real passion has always been for history, particularly the history behind houses through the characters that conjoin to create them. His special interest lies with the great American houses and their relationships with those in Europe, both socially and architecturally.

For further details about this and other lectures visit our website at <https://theartsocietyegerton.org.uk>



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Stalisfield Village Hall

Revised Dates

2022

- 11th March Quiz
- 2nd June Platinum Jubilee Celebration
- 16th July Treasure Hunt
- 27th August Village Fete
- 8th October Harvest Supper
- 9th & 10th Dec Panto
- 17th Dec Children's Christmas Party
- 18th Dec Seniors' Christmas Dinner

Sunday Services

subject to Covid restrictions and
ministry team availability

6th February 4th Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 15. 1 - 11, Luke 5. 1 - 11

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Norton 10.30am Morning Worship

13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

1 Corinthians 15. 12 - 20, Luke 6. 17 - 26

Eastling 9am Holy Communion BCP

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

20th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Revelation 4, Luke 8. 22 - 25

Newnham 9am Holy Communion BCP

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

Lynsted 10.30am All Age Service

27th February Sunday before Lent

2 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2, Luke 9. 28 - 36

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion

Newnham 10.30am Morning Worship

2nd March Ash Wednesday

1 Corinthians 13. 1 - 13, Luke 2. 22 - 40

Newnham 7.30pm Holy Communion

6th March Lent 1

Romans 10. 8b - 13, Luke 4. 1 - 13

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Norton 10.30am Morning Worship

Online Daily Worship Continues

As well as the services in our churches, the daily 9am Morning Prayer at Lynsted will continue and be live online on www.kingsdowncreekside.co.uk - also on the YouTube Channel 'Breakthrough at Lynsted'.

More information is updated weekly on
St Mary's Eastling 'A Church Near You':

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11982/>

New services this month:

9am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

2nd Sundays at Eastling

and 3rd Sundays at Newnham



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www.goodnews.rf.gd

LENT COURSE

"The Mystery of God" by Churches together in Britain and Ireland.

Topics:

"The Mystery of Good and Evil";

"The Mystery of God's glory";

"The Mystery of Sin, Suffering & Hope";

"The Mystery of Relationship & Reconciliation";

"The Mystery of Love & Sacrifice".

2nd March 7.30 pm Newnham Ash Wednesday Service

Mondays from 28th February at Doddington Vicarage
8 - 9.30 p.m.

Wednesdays from 9th March:

Lynsted Church 2 - 3.30 p.m. and

"Zoom" Online 7.30 - 9 p.m. link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99595370207?pwd=OTRqK2thbWgzemliNmJ4bzdEMzBZQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 9537 0207 Passcode: 474838

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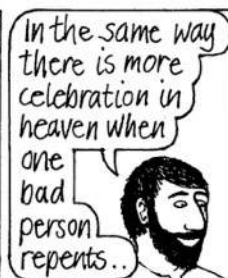
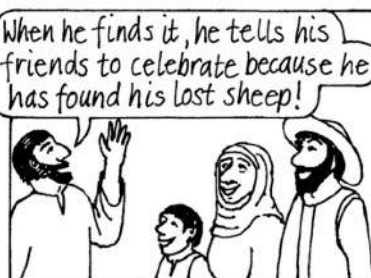
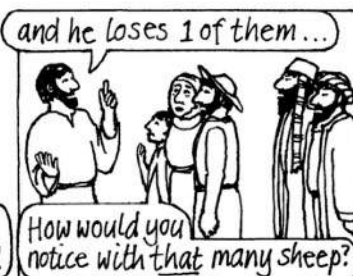
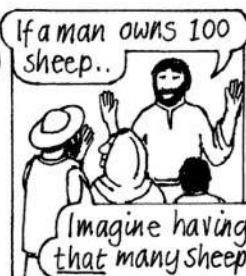
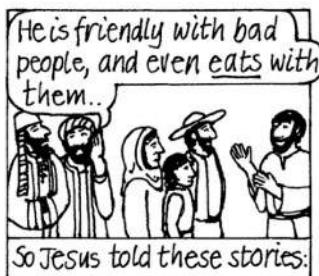
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 15 verses 11-32

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Police 101 Emergency 999

Nigel Beeton writes: 70 years ago, on 1st February 1952, the first TV detector vans rolled onto our streets, in an effort to increase the ratio of those paying their licence fee to those who forgot, or didn't bother. I haven't seen one for years, but I remember them when I was a boy, ordinary looking vans with an array of aerials on the roof, and Mum always kept the licence to hand, in case they knocked at the door (which, of course, they never did!):

The TV Detector Van

Deep in the suburbs something stirs

Within a van, a motor purrs
And rattles, clunks, beeps and whirrs

As it performs a scan.

A worker sits alone, unseen
Peering at a flick'ring screen
He will know what it may mean –
The TV detector man!

Within a house, without a care
A couple sit and gaze and stare
At their TV – but what's out there?
A TV detector van!

For, in their hall, unopened, laid
Their licence bill, unseen, unpaid
No licence payment have they made!

Though that was not their plan.

They just forgot, so easy done!
The TV shows, they are such fun!
The doorbell rings, and their stands
one
TV detector man!

No place to run, no place to hide!
The TV still is on inside!
They'd left themselves so open
wide
To the TV detector van.

By Nigel Beeton

There was a report of hare coursing being carried out at the top of North Eastling Lane during the middle of the month. It was reported to the police but unfortunately, although the culprits actually got stuck in a ditch trying to get out of the field, they managed to extricate themselves before the police arrived. It involved three persons with dogs. Not only is the hare coursing illegal and horrific, it also involved damage to crops as can be seen at North Eastling.

We are at the time of the year where lambing will be in full process so, more than usual, it is imperative to keep your dog on a lead in the vicinity of sheep and also to make sure that your dogs are not able to escape from your property as the majority of attacks have occurred from this. Farmers have the authority to shoot any animal attacking or worrying their sheep.

I have not had any reports of any drink/drug driving locally over the Christmas and new year so well done everyone.

Take Care
Have a good month
Alan

Bible Bite

WORD SEARCH

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Five famous quotes from Desmond Tutu

The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right."

"Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering - remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened."

"Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another."



Love

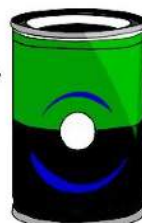
He held her close in his arms' embrace,
Their eyes and their lips did meet,
He looked down into her lovely face,
And her heart did faster beat...

They went to the kirk and it came the day,
And the book the priest did take;
He in his kilt was so bright and gay
As his promise he did make.

She stood at his side so white and fair,
Her white fingers fair to give,
The priest handfasted them then and there,
And he blessed them long to live.

O God give the joy and God the love
To those who are lovers true,
Shed down benediction from above
As in one are joined the two.

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George Herbert, priest and poet Celebrated on 27th February.

If we were to name someone prominent from the 17th century, we might mention Rembrandt or Shakespeare. It is unlikely we would remember George Herbert. However, he was a prolific writer, a gifted speaker and musician. His hymns are still sung today.

Herbert was born into a wealthy family in Mid-Wales on 3rd April 1593. His father was a Member of Parliament who died when Herbert was three years old. His mother moved her large family to London where, aged 12, Herbert entered Westminster School. In 1609, his mother remarried, and Herbert left home to be a student at Trinity College, Cambridge.

By the age of 23, Herbert had graduated with two degrees. He was fluent in Latin and Greek and in 1620 was elected as the University's Public Orator. He held this position for seven years, and for a short time was MP in his hometown in Wales.

Although Herbert was securing an illustrious future and his speeches had gained the attention of King James 1, he was restless. He felt God was calling him to the priesthood and much of Herbert's poetry

expressed his inner spiritual conflicts.

When the King died in 1625, and two influential patrons also died at about the same time, Herbert responded to God's call on his life and gave up his secular ambitions. He married in 1629 and became a priest in a small Anglican church in Bemerton in Wiltshire.

Here he found inner peace at last, serving God in the local community. His poetic talent continued to flourish along with his musicianship as a skilled lutenist. After only three years as a priest, he died of tuberculosis on 1st March 1633. He was 39.

Some ninety of Herbert's poems have been set to music by such composers as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten. His most well-known hymns are *Teach me my God and King*, *Let all the world in every corner sing* and *King of glory, king of peace*.

A number of artistic commemorations of Herbert exists in several churches and cathedrals including a stained-glass window in Westminster Abbey and a statue at the front of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and then retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian.

Loved nonetheless

Here is a thought on a verse of Scripture from the encounter of Jesus with a man described as a 'rich, young ruler'.

This man was keen to follow Jesus, but when told he must share his wealth with the poor decided it was too much to ask, and he went away sorrowful. In this context we read that, "Jesus, looking at him loved him (Mark 10:21)."

This is a remarkable statement about Jesus, and the nature of divine love, a love that doesn't alter despite the ups and downs of our behaviour. It is constant and unchanging, truly without condition, and unshaken by the unpredictability of human response.

We might have expected to hear Jesus say, 'You foolish man' or 'You stupid boy', but there is no such rebuke, only love. Jesus might have been annoyed, disappointed, exasperated, alarmed, shocked . . . but all we feel is His love for someone who has missed a great opportunity.

What a joy it is to know that Jesus loves us exactly as we are. When He looks at us, nothing is hidden from His gaze. He sees through all our pretence, all our subterfuge, all our attempts to put on a brave front. He knows who I am, completely. And yet He loves me unreservedly and without reservation. Amazing.

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Eastling Primary School News

On Wednesday 20th October Eastling Primary School were inspected by Ofsted. The school were delighted to confirm that we continue to be a Good school. The report is available on the school website. The following quotes are taken from the report:

"Pupils in this school love learning and playing outside with their friends come rain, shine or wind."

"Eastling is a place where everyone is kind and friendly."

'There is no doubt that my child is thriving at Eastling School, both academically and socially.'

At the start of term 2 Eastling Primary School held open days for prospective Reception places for September 2022 which were very well attended. It was lovely for our staff and children to share our wonderful school with prospective families.

In term 2 Oak class continued to visit Faversham Pool for their weekly swimming lessons and Willow class went to Faversham gym for gymnastic sessions. Since January the classes have swapped activities with Willow class now having swimming lessons and Oak class attending the gym.

On Tuesday 30th November our Reception children travelled to Port Lympne zoo where they embarked on the dinosaur trail. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see the life-sized models

reinforcing their class learning about dinosaurs. On Friday 10th December the school took part in Christmas Jumper Day supporting Save the Children. The same day the children were able to do their Christmas shopping for their families which was organised by the FOES.

Oak class visited the Beaney museum in Canterbury on Monday 13th December as part of their learning about the Victorians. The following day Acorn class had a wonderful treat visiting The Reindeer Farm and seeing Father Christmas which was paid for by the FOES.

We were delighted that the infant children were able to take part in the nativity and we had a professional company record the performance. Unfortunately, due to rising numbers of Covid cases in December we were unable to hold the annual Christingle Service in St Mary's church. Instead the school held a shortened Christingle Service on the playground with Rev Caroline and Mrs Youle in attendance. Year 6 parents were invited to attend and despite the cold and rain the service was lovely.

We only have a couple of spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Any prospective parents are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 for further details. More information can be found on our school website.



The Tudor Ghost

By Audrey Keen

When I walked through the windy dale
I did not see the snow,
But saw instead the Douglas fir
Move boldly to and fro.
The crooked trackway straightened
As dreamily I strolled,
Beneath the gold sun hidden
By huge grey clouds that rolled.
The mist hung well to the valley floor
And the landscape view was dim,
As the leaves were ushered toward
me fast

A victim of nature's whim.
And I clutched to me the clothes I wore,
For the wind was mighty and strong;
And the sound it made in the winter trees
Was eerie too, and long: -
But as I approached the spinney bank
A house loomed dark and wide,
Arrested by a green yew hedge
And spruce trees on the ride.
And in this place, so grandiose
A mansion old and fine,
The wind gained entrance in
And through the passageways did
whine.

Along the picture gallery
And other rooms it went,
Down the spiral stairway
It's banshee screams gave vent.
It passed the kitchen moodily
And touched a fern leafed flower
And it raced onto the open fire
And causes the flames to cower.
It crouched awhile beside the door
Before it drifted by
And sped into the garden
On a whistle and a sigh.
It ventured to the valley dale
Where it's soul grip was lost,
Silenced by the evening tide
And cold, white bite of frost.
The mist had cleared
And the clouds gone by
As the moon came on the rise
And the stars lit up romantically
The dismal winter skies.
But it caused me then to wonder,
If the wind, was wind, at most
Or was it perhaps, the mansion's
Legendary Tudor Ghost?

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HIGH DOWNS



We have been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement from the young people and their parents in setting this venture up for our local communities. So far, we have met 29 young people and we look forward to welcoming more over the coming months.

We have been fortunate to receive some generous funding to buy further equipment and we will no longer be charging entry!

Keep connected via our new Instagram account: @hdyouth21

We would love to have a few more volunteers for example to help; clearing up at the end of each session, cake baking on a rota, an extra pair of hands to do craft or to play games with the young people. You wouldn't need to help at each session as we can develop a rota Here are the dates for the coming year:

9th, 23rd Feb, 9th, 23rd March
13th, 27th April
11th May but 25th May will be at an alternative location
8th, 22nd June, 13th 27th July
24th Aug – potential bbq (and then hopefully some other events over the next 2 days)
14th 28th Sept



"The knitting circle are playing their part in our heating efficiency programme."

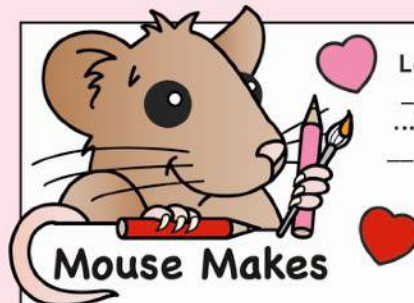
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10.30am Lynsted Church
Sunday 20th February



*See what great love the Father
has for us that He would call us His*

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows
_____ and is _____
...You have great _____ and _____

Psalms 86:1



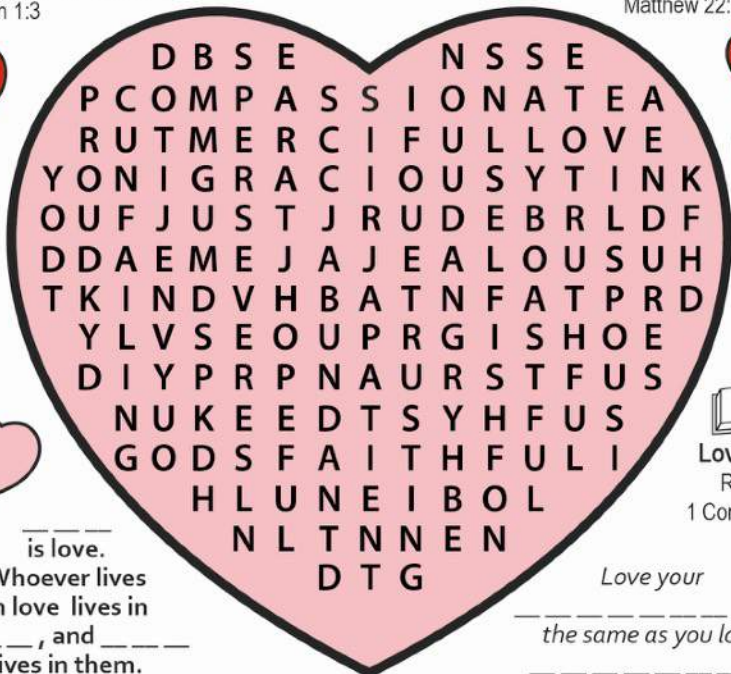
How did
God show
He loved us?
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your
God with all your

_____ with all your

_____ and with all your

_____ Matthew 22:37



_____ is love.
Whoever lives
in love lives in
_____, and
lives in them.
1 John 4:16

Love is ..
Read
1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your
_____ the same as you love
Matthew 22:39

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