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**SEPTEMBER
2022**

- 3rd & 4th Chilli Fiesta
Leaveland Church 10am - 4pm
- 7th Relaxation course 1st of 8 sessions
Stalisfield Village Hall 9.30 - 11am
- 7th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 7th Faith Pictures 1st of 6 weekly sessions
Lynsted Church 7.30pm
- 8th Local History Society
Charing Parish Hall 8pm
- 9th Eat, Pray, Walk
Doddington Church 1.30pm
- 10th Ride and Stride
Kent Churches 10am - 6pm
- 10th & 11th WOODFEST
Belmont, Throwley 11am - 5pm
- 14th Arts Society lecture, Egerton
Millennium Hall, Egerton 2.30pm
- 14th Stalisfield Youth
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 22nd Arts Society lecture
Alexander Centre, Faversham 11am
- 25th HARVEST FESTIVAL
Throwley Church 10.30am
- 28th Stalisfield Youth - Visiting Artist
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm

OCTOBER

- 2nd HARVEST FESTIVAL
Eastling Church 10.30am
- 5th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 8th Harvest Supper
Stalisfield Village Hall 7pm
- 9th HARVEST FESTIVAL
Stalisfield Church 10.30am



HARVEST FESTIVALS

in our Churches

Throwley 25th September 10.30am

Eastling 2nd October 10.30am

Stalisfield 9th October 10.30am



**Throwley Church Choir:
looking for additional singers**

The Choir of St Michael and All Angels, Throwley, has been singing Church services every second and fourth Sundays for about 4 years and we are proud of the fact that a small group of us managed to sing services during most of lockdown once we had been allowed to reopen the Church.

We are happy to accommodate all voices, though some additional male voices would be most welcome. The ability to read music whilst useful is not absolutely essential. We always aim to enjoy singing together.

We sing the hymns (usually with one or two verses unaccompanied in harmony), with an anthem (covering a wide variety of music, modern and old) as well as leading the singing of other items of liturgy for communion and morning prayers. We sing at the annual Remembrance Service and will be taking part in this year's Carol Service in Throwley on 21st December.

Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us: email David Elvin at davidjelvin@gmail.com

Water, water, everywhere... But...?

As I write we are about to enter a time of a hose-pipe ban with the request that we conserve our use of water as much as possible. We have had hose-pipe bans in the past. A number of years ago, when our 3 boys were young we had a relatively hot summer (not as hot as this one) and we eventually went out and bought a really good and big paddling pool for the garden, only it seems as soon as we had bought it for a hose-pipe ban to be applied so we never got to use it that particular summer.

This year comparisons have been made to the summer of 1976, another hot summer. I remember being given (supervised) breaks during exams for a chance to have a drink and cool off before resuming again in a very hot room. I, as I do now, lived in Kent, but my wife Jane lived in Yorkshire and she remembers stand pipes being set-up in the streets as water to the houses was cut off. She tells me that her mum got her to collect water from the stand pipes not only for her house but for all the neighbours was well!

It is easy to become expectant on the provision of clean, fresh water on tap, and of course in many parts of the world that is true, but for many others it is not and the work of charities such as Water Aid is really important in providing clean water to communities that, as yet, do not have that facility.

Water, of course is key to life - plant, animal and human life. Water, is significant in the gospels, not only in baptism but also for true life itself.

In John's gospel we find Jesus on a journey through Samaria. A journey, of course then, meant walking. It was hot and no doubt thirst making. Jesus comes to a well and whilst his disciples go into the town for food, he rests at the well. A



woman comes to draw water and he asks the woman for a drink. Now as a good Jew in those days he certainly shouldn't have been asking a Samaritan, let alone a Samaritan woman, but Jesus is one to break through the normal conventions. He was thirsty and asked for some

water.

But then the conversation takes a different path:

Jesus says to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (John 4:10)

and,

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

A little later on Jesus attended one of the Jewish festivals in Jerusalem and on the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is

thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. (John 7:37-39)

Jesus asked the woman for a drink, but offers us all the 'water of life'

I don't know, as I write, when we will get some proper rain again. (However, as I write, Jane and I are about to go on holiday in the UK so I am thinking...!). But at this time of a relative water shortage it is good to reflect on the importance of and the care of our water resources; to reflect on those who are constantly short of the abundance of water that we share, and to have the opportunity to reflect on the water of life that Jesus offers us all.

God bless
Steve Lillicrap, Rector



Ride & Stride For Kent Churches

The Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride takes place on the second Saturday in September each year.

This year it will take place on **Saturday 10th September 2022.**

To register as a participant, for further information, or to download a sponsorship form, contact a local church or go to:
www.kentrideandstride.co.uk

Prayer Pointers

September 2022

Mondays - Pray for teachers, school staff and pupils at the start of the new academic year.

Tuesdays - Give thanks for our food and pray for all involved with its production.

Wednesdays - Pray for those who are unwell, in hospital or waiting for treatment

Thursdays - Give thanks for our clergy and pray for Pim Baxter in her ministry as a Licensed Reader.

Fridays - Pray for all unable to pay the increase in fuel costs and for our government to make wise decisions.

Saturdays - Give thanks for the colours of Autumn and pray we have sufficient rain over the winter months.

Sundays - Rejoice in the living water offered to all through Jesus Christ.



Eastling Church September 2022

4th - Janet W and Susy P

11th - Bay

18th & 25th - Pim

2nd October - HARVEST - everyone please.

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





The Arts Society Faversham

We run regular monthly lectures on the fourth Thursday at the Alexander Centre, Faversham. Subjects cover all aspects of the Arts in its widest sense and are given by experts in their

chosen field and include university lecturers, broadcasters and tour guides.

Come along to a lecture as a guest (£5 fee) or join for a year's lectures.

Our next lecture is on the 22nd September 2022 at 11.00am on "The Heritage of Gilbert and Sullivan" by Bernard Lockett. Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.20am

"The Heritage of Gilbert and Sullivan" – first a historical background then an assessment and overview of G&S plus a consideration of the precise genre of G&S and their place within the theatrical heritage of this country. Then a close look with reasons for the vast amount of social and political satire within the shows, comments which are not just reflections upon Victorian society but which hold their meaning equally to the present day; finally to consider the world-wide popularity of G&S in the 21st C and modern production values. A video of various G&S show excerpts and production shots are used during the Lecture.

Biography

'I have been a life-long enthusiast of G&S and as an author, two of my books are about G&S. Since 2010 I have been a Trustee of the International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival – www.gsfestivals.org – an event that takes place annually in Buxton, Harrogate and Malvern plus some touring; I have also broadcast several times on various BBC national and local radio programmes about G&S. As author and lecturer and for the past few years I have given lectures regularly to many organisations including other Arts Societies, Festivals and theatre groups throughout the UK'

For further information contact us at info@theartsocietyfaversham.org.uk



Harvest Supper

Stalisfield Village Hall

Saturday 8th October at 7pm

Adults £8 Children £5

Please book your place either ring or message

Shirley 0788 5827 444

Stalisfield Village Hall Trust

held an open meeting on 20th July 2022

A key objective of the SVHT is "The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the inhabitants of the village of Stalisfield"

Fundraising and Finances were reported on.

The Hall now has regular local hirers, weddings and parties and a comfortable financial cushion going forward.

Due to Covid wedding postponements, the Hall has been booked most weekends this year causing some noise, parking and other nuisance issues. It was agreed to trial one large booking per month.

For a copy of the full minutes, please

Stalisfield Highlife

Stalisfield Village Hall

2022

9th & 10th Dec Pantomime: 7pm

17th Dec Children's Christmas Party

18th Dec Seniors' Christmas Party



Samuel Pepys & the strange Wrecking of the Gloucester

The sinking of the Gloucester was the most controversial and significant shipwreck of the 17th century. Many blamed James, the future king, but it was the

pilot who ended up in the Marshalsea Prison. Samuel Pepys, naval administrator and diarist, blamed almost everyone for the disaster; but Pepys himself had some awkward questions to answer.

Nigel Pickford is the speaker in Charing Parish Hall at 8pm on Thursday 8th September, doors open at 7.30pm.



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See also our website www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk



Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

A small group gathered at Stalisfield Village Hall for August's Otterden and Stalisfield's W.I. Meeting for a social evening with food, drink and a few gentle games. It is usually a time of year when many people are away, so we don't arrange a Speaker or outing at this time of the year.

However, on

Wednesday 7th September
at 7.30 p.m. we have

Mandy Oliver, a Forager and Herbalist, coming along to speak to us. Mandy has run workshops in May and June at Belmont House this year promoting working gently with nature, in harmony with the seasons to sustainably harvest our prime herbs for drying, infusing distilling and tincturing for her business AR Skincare, soaps and herbal medicines. The workshops covered the topics Wonderful Weeds and Wildflowers, Lavender Distilling, Summer Health and a Herb Walk. If you wish to see more about Mandy, her website is: <https://arbotanicalherbal.co.uk/>

The October Meeting will have a very W.I. flavour as Sugar & Spice Jams and Preserves will be joining us with their homemade Christmas Puddings as well. More about that next month though.

You and friends are welcome to join us the first Wednesday of each month at Stalisfield Village Hall. Contact our President Helen Brooks on 07477580727 or the Secretary Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 if you want to come along.



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Sunday Services

4th September Trinity 12

Philemon 1 -21, Luke 14. 25 - 33

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Norton 10.30 Morning Worship

11th September Trinity 13

1 Timothy 1. 12 - 17, Luke 15. 1 - 10

Eastling 9am Holy Communion BCP

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

Lynsted 10.30am All Together Now

18th September Trinity 14

1 Timothy 2. 1 - 7, Luke 16. 1 - 13

Newnham 9am Holy Communion BCP

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

25th September Trinity 15

Philippians 4. 4 - 9. John 6. 25 - 35

Throwley 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL

Teynham 4pm Evensong

2nd October Trinity 16

Philippians 4. 4 - 9. John 6. 25 - 35

Eastling 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL

Online Daily Worship Continues

As well as the services in our churches, the daily 9am Morning Prayer at Lynsted and Sunday Breakthrough at 6pm, will continue and be live online on <https://kc-hd.org.uk>.

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

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

Pim Baxter to be licensed as a Reader

Pim has completed the initial Reader training course and is to be admitted to the Office of Reader and licensed by the Bishop of Dover on Sunday 25th September at Cathedral Evensong, together with other Readers.

The service starts at 5.30pm in the Cathedral Nave, entry to the Cathedral will be from 5pm.

The service is open to the public and will also be live streamed on the Cathedral You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CanterburyCathedralOfficial>. The Cathedral website has details about their services, parking in the Cathedral precincts is for blue-badge holders only.

Each Reader receives only a very small number of reserved seats but there will be plenty of space in the Cathedral. Please do come along and support Pim if you would like to.

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From The Registers

Weddings

Andrea Martinez and Skye Eade
30th July at Stalisfield

Alice Waddell and Edmund Jackson
30th July at Throwley

Millie Dixon and Jack Anthony Morgan-Payne
13th August 2022 at Stalisfield

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9th September
14th October
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I invite you to come along

We are all shy about talking to others so let's build up our confidence with each other and learn to be bold together.

The sessions will be held each Wednesday evening in Lynsted Church at 7.30pm
Wednesday 7th September - 11th October

More details and booking form on
<https://kc-hd.org.uk>

Updates from Citizens Advice Swale

citizens
advice

If you don't have enough to live on, you might be able to get help from the government or your local council to afford essentials like bills and food. This includes the Household Support Fund and Cost of Living Payments.

If you owe money and you're struggling to pay, you should speak to the organisations you owe money to – they might let you pay smaller amounts or take a break from payments. Don't ignore bills or letters about money you owe.

There are steps you can take by yourself, or with our help:

- Check what benefits you can get
- Get your benefit paid early
- Check what help you can get from your local council
- Check what help you can get from the government
- Get help with essential costs
- Work out your budget
- Apply for a charitable grant

Your mental health is as important as your physical health. You should talk to your GP if your money problems are affecting your mental health.

At Citizens Advice Swale we don't just give advice. We also collect evidence and campaign to change the policies that are having an impact on people's lives.

To find out more about what we're doing locally on our Cost of Living campaign, visit <https://citizensadviceswale.uk/campaigns/local-campaigns/>

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With the harvest now being brought in as such the incidents of h. coursing will probably be increased so please if seen at all please report it, under no circumstances approach these people whilst it would be great if any vehicle registration is available.

Whilst on the subject of harvest I would like to thank all the farmers and their assistants for the care taken on the roads especially after the long hours that have been worked to obtain the results.

As we all will be experiencing the rise in the general cost of living it is foregone conclusion that the scammers and con merchants will be after our hard earned cash. Please be alert at all times and remember your bank will not contact you on your telephone nor the police. He aware of any doorstep callers pretending to be the police or from the council. If not sure ring the police or give me a call.

Have a good month and take care, Alan.

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Being grateful

World Gratitude Day (yes, it really does exist!) is on 21st September.

It may not be widely observed this year, for these have not been easy times in which to feel grateful. Coronavirus turned our lives upside down, and now we have the war in Ukraine, and the alarming rise in the cost of living. Add to that the heat waves, the wildfires, and the widespread drought of this past summer, and what is there to be particularly thankful *about*?

To put it another way, how, as Christians, can we be grateful during disasters? Should we even *try* to be grateful? The letters of St Paul give us some pointers.

First of all, he says that we are not to be terrified when bad things happen. Instead, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Then, "let the peace of God rule in our hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15)

Again, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Paul urges: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." It is not that we should thank God for losing our jobs or other disasters; it is rather that we need to keep our eye on the bigger picture, and never forget

what God has blessed us with in Jesus Christ.

Giving thanksgiving to God is a sure sign of the fruit of His Spirit in our lives. In fact, a thankless attitude is abnormal for a Christian! It goes against everything that is in our new life. No wonder that the NT continually calls us back to thankfulness.

And there is good reason for this. Romans 8:28 assures us: "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose." So even when things are bad, Paul assures us that we can be sure that God has not abandoned us, but instead will stand by us through the hard times.

The early church, whenever they gathered, gave thanks together. Whenever we meet for fellowship with believers, it is good to include a time of giving thanks.

But even when we are on our own, each day we can make time to be "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (Eph 5:18). We can be "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph 5:20)

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Nigel Beeton writes: "September is a time when we begin the celebration of harvest, and the rhythms of the seasons that lead up to it. But, as this Summer shows, the seasons have been disturbed. My cousins are farmers in Suffolk, and it has been so dry this year that they couldn't even drill one field until June.... So our harvest celebrations this year must be tempered with a humble awareness of the part we've played in upsetting the rhythms of creation."

The Rhythms of Creation

The rhythms of creation -
The never-ceasing beat
Of seasons in rotation
As cold gives way to heat;
We know, when it is raining
The sun will dry the rain
And when the moon is waning
It soon will wax again.

The farmer drills his acres
When springtime rains shall fall
Then gathers wheat for bakers
As sunflowers grow tall;
In spring, the fruit trees, blooming
Attract the busy bees;
As autumn clouds are looming
We pick from loaded trees.

The Lord, our Great Creator
Allowed us, by His grace
To be the regulator
Of earthly time and space
But mankind has been greedy
In burning coal and oil
So farmers now are seeding
In dry and desert soil.

The rhythms of creation
Are wand'ring from their beat
Increasing suffocation,
Of fire, flood, and heat.
Lord, teach us new behaviour
To spend, with care, our days:
Dear loving Lord and Saviour
Forgive our foolish ways!

By Nigel Beeton

When the sun goes edgewise, and daytime equals night



23rd September is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere). The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

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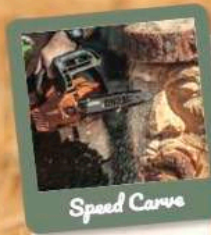
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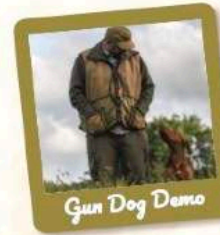
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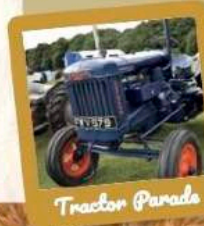
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SATURDAY

11.00am	Ferret Racing (B)
11.30am	Mini Pony Show (A)
12.00pm	Falconry Display (A)
12.30pm	Gun Dog Demonstration (A)
1.00pm	Arbor the Tree
1.15pm	Terrier Racing (B)
1.30pm	Tractor Parade (A)
1.45pm	Speed Carve (B)
2.00pm	Mini Pony Show (A)
2.15pm	Ferret Racing (B)
2.30pm	Falconry Display (A)
3.00pm	Gun Dog Demonstration (A)
3.30pm	Arbor the Tree

SUNDAY




11.00am	Terrier Racing (B)
11.30am	Ferret Racing (B)
11.45am	The Mini Pony Show (A)
12.15pm	Falconry Display (A)
12.45pm	Gun Dog Demonstration (A)
1.15pm	Arbor the Tree
1.30pm	Tractor Parade (A)
1.45pm	Speed Carve (B)
2.00pm	The Mini Pony Show (A)
2.15pm	Ferret Racing (B)
2.30pm	Fun Dog Show (B)
2.30pm	Falconry Display (A)
3.00pm	Gun Dog Demonstration (A)
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Volunteering at the Lambeth Conference 2022

God's Church for God's world

Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference is an international meeting of Anglican bishops. It meets once every 10 years and 2022 was the 15th such meeting. The conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead. It was scheduled to meet two years ago however due to the pandemic it was postponed and was finally able to go ahead this year. I first volunteered two years ago and honestly had forgotten about it until this year when arrangements were being made. As I work full time, I was only able to offer my time at the weekend.

The Lambeth conference took place at the University of Kent starting on the 26th July and ending on the 8th August. 650 Bishops from all over the world attended along with approximately 300 spouses. There was a programme of events for the spouses as well as the Bishops. The programme involved services at Canterbury Cathedral, bible study, mission meetings, reception with the Archbishop of Canterbury and a day at Lambeth palace. The Bishops had a full programme starting at 6.30 with morning prayer every day closing with night prayer at 9.30pm.

It was hoped that 150 people would volunteer their time to assist in ensuring the Bishops found their way around the campus and various sessions were set up, however only 80 volunteers were found. Each volunteer was provided with a blue high vis jacket and a red baseball cap with the Lambeth Conference logo on. My slots were on full days both Saturday and Sunday

both weekends to fit around my full-time job. On the first Saturday we had to rearrange the main venue from rowed seating to table setting to allow for group discussions, this took some arranging, 92 tables needed putting up with 8 chairs per table and then each had a tablecloth and the paperwork necessary. Volunteers also had to be around the campus to assist the Bishops and their spouses get from one venue to another.

The first Sunday morning we had to ensure we got every Bishop and spouse on to the buses in order for them to be taken to Canterbury town centre for the opening service. At 8.30 volunteers were on the first bus, we were dropped off at Iron Bar Lane and then we had to mark out the route down to the cathedral, as everywhere was closed this proved a relatively easy task and we breathed a sigh of relief once the last bus had dropped off its passengers and all had been safely shown to the cathedral.

We knew that it wouldn't be quite so easy in reverse, we had tourists and shoppers milling around, many wanting to know why we were dressed the same, what was going on and so we explained and invited many to watch the procession of Bishops as they left the cathedral, many Bishops wanted to go off shopping but we knew that we had to keep them together, if a sheep dog can herd sheep what do you use to herd a "bench/psalter" of Bishops, (googled what the collective noun for a group of bishops was and it is bench or psalter), a big sigh of relief could be heard when the last bishop was safely on the bus and the bus was heading back to the university campus.

The following weekend things were a bit easier as by now the Bishops knew

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their way around and our role was now clearing up ready for their departure. There was a closing service at the cathedral and volunteers were able to attend this service, it was a moving service, one I will never forget. Each reading was done in a different language, there were hymns from Spain, Palestine, Africa. The sermon given by the Archbishop he drew everything they had accomplished together, the prayers were also done in a variety of languages and hearing the Lord's prayer said in every language all at the same time was a sound to hear.

When the service was concluded the musicians led everybody out of the cathedral and the Bishops were dancing and enjoying themselves. They were also quick to get back on the buses, seeing as it was now 6.30pm and some had to pack, others were leaving and the rest had a BBQ to attend.

The evening concluded with a BBQ where the volunteers, stewards and Bishops with spouses all ate together on the sports field. A lot of organisation had gone into arranging this event and it was very successful, for me I will remember the grateful thanks of the Bishops as they thanked each of us on route from the cathedral for keeping them safe and together.

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Canon Paul Hardingham remembers Diana, Princess of Wales...

'England's Rose'

This month marks 25 years since the funeral of Princess Diana on 6th September 1997. Prince William has described how his mother's death was like an earthquake, the shockwaves taking time to sink in. When we remember the days leading up to the funeral, the whole nation seemed touched by her death. Over 32 million people watched the funeral on television. As we look back to this event, what is its continuing significance?

As those made in the image of God, we are called to reach out to show love to others. *'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.'* (1 John 4:7). Princess Diana did this, especially the vulnerable in our society, remembering especially her work with AIDS sufferers and landmine victims. However, she was also a flawed individual, who fought various 'demons' in her own life and struggled with relationships. People identified with her humanity as *one like us*: fallible, weak yet more than good enough.

There is always something powerful about vulnerability in others; we can identify with them because, like us, they don't have it all together. God uses flawed people in His purposes, as we clearly see in the pages of the Bible: Abraham, Moses, David and Paul, to mention just a few!

Ironically, Mother Theresa died the day before Diana's funeral. Again, she was somebody who was much loved for her work among the poor. However, despite being declared a saint last year, she openly talked about the vulnerability of her faith. Mother Teresa revealed that she spent nearly 50 years without a tangible feeling of God's presence in her life! It's not easy to be a perfect saint!

'I think the biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved.' (Princess Diana).



To Share Pain

by Audrey Keen

When the wind blows
It covers me in ethereal joy,
When it rains - my tears may flow
unnoticed.
But when the sun shines
I smile,
For ready pain must withdraw.
It is weakness to concede to it.
But on reflection,
Is it not desirable to the sufferer
To share discomfiture?
And could the company of others,
Congenial, put back together a broken
spirit,
A binding as powerful as the elements
And as consummate as any physical love?

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Benefice Fun Day



Thank you to everyone who supported our Benefice Fun Day, held at Teynham Church in July. It was so encouraging to see people from every village represented as the church community got together outside on a hot summer's day. Many new families came along for games, fun, bbq, cakes and to meet new people. They were also invited to join us for our 'All Together Now' family-style service the next day in the church itself. It was great to see so many people take up the offer and the church was full. What a joy!



If you would like to join us for our future **All Together Now** services, they are held in Lynsted Church on the second Sunday of each month from 10.15am. We'd love to show more families in our area the love and welcome that being part of a church family brings. Please contact caroline.turvey@kc-hd.org.uk for more information.

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Matthew 7:24

Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does *not* do them will be like a

_____ man.

On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:26

Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses? Read Matthew 7:25 and 27

What was the reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching? Read Matthew 7:28-29

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS
 DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN
 DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND
 STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS
 TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED
 RUIN • DESTROYED

How many other words can you make from the word

FOUNDATIONS

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