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HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Throwley Harvest Festival with Holy Communion in the church

22nd September, 10.30am

followed by

Throwley Harvest Lunch

in Badlesmere Village Hall at 1 pm.

Bookings can be made for the lunch on a first-come basis to David Elvin (davidjelvin@gmail.com) or Sarah-Jane Tormey (sarahjanetormey1@gmail.com) at £15 per head (no charge for children under 10yrs).

Donations to the Harvest Festival will go to Catching Lives.

SEPTEMBER 2024



- 4th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 7 & 8th **WOODFEST**
Belmont House & Garden 10am - 5pm
- 10th Eastling Parish Council Meeting
Eastling Village Hall 6.30pm
- 11th Arts Society lecture, Egerton
Millennium Hall, Egerton 2.30pm
- 11th Stalisfield Youth Group
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 12th Charing History Society
Parish Hall, Charing 7.30pm
- 14th Sponsored Bike Ride / Walk
Kent Churches 10am - 6pm
- 18th Stalisfield Youth Group
Stalisfield Village Hall 7 - 8.30pm
- 20th Copy deadline for October Good News
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- 22nd Harvest Festival
Throwley Church 10.30am
- 22nd Throwley Harvest Lunch
Badlesmere Village Hall 1pm
- 26th Arts Society lecture, Faversham
Alexander Centre 11am

OCTOBER

- 2nd Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 6th Harvest Festival
Eastling Church 10.30am
- 12th Stalisfield Harvest Supper
Stalisfield Village Hall 7pm
- 13th Harvest Festival
Stalisfield Church 10.30am
- 19th Craft Fair
Stalisfield Village Hall 1.30 - 4pm



Eastling Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

6th October, 10.30am

Refreshments after the service





Stalisfield Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

13th October, 10.30am

Refreshments after the service



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Message for September

As I write this I am recovering from covid, I have had it before but this time I was affected worse than before. I spent three days sleeping and 5 days suffering from severe dizziness. During those 5 days I wanted to get back to my normal busy life. Many people who know me know that I do a lot, work full time, my two ministries within the church and fostering! When I do sit down I am knitting or crocheting. But during those 5 days I couldn't do any of those things. I wanted to and everyone was telling me that I had to rest and give my body time to get over it. I found this very difficult, I got bored, I was worried about all the things I should be doing that weren't being done. I felt that I was letting people down. But was I? Was I expecting too much from myself, no-one was going to die if those things didn't get done. How often do we put expectations on ourselves thinking we have to do something immediately?

Well, if you're living a hectic and worried life let me say this; That is not the kind of lifestyle God wants for us. Psalm 127 verse 2 tells us "It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest." God wants us to live a whole, balanced and complete life. This is a message I know I need.

Genesis 1 tells us that God worked 6 days and then Genesis 2 verse 2- "By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work." Now, why did God do that? Was it because He was exhausted? Do you picture God out of breath by the 7th day, saying, "Whew! I've got to slow down! This is killing me!" No, God is all-powerful; Exodus 31 verse 17 gives us the reason God rested.. "...on the seventh day He stopped working and refreshed." God stopped because He wanted to set an example for us, we all need to relax at times and be refreshed.

In order to have the balanced life God wants for us we also must realize that our lives and bodies need rest. "Six day Shall you labour, but the 7th day

is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." Many of us grew up with what is called a good work ethic. If you're going to succeed, you must push yourself, drive yourself. If we are going to get anywhere in life we have to work hard. Things aren't handed to us on a plate. And we are such a production orientated people that it is difficult for us to change pace and rest. Well, in the middle of this rat race, God says, "I want you to take some time to rest". In fact the word "Sabbath" means rest. In Mark 2 verse 27 Jesus said, "The Sabbath day was made to help people; they were not made to be ruled by the Sabbath day." In other words, God wasn't randomly saying, "I'm going to force you to take a day off because I want it." No, Sabbath rest was given for our benefit. God designed our bodies, our emotions, & our minds to function most efficiently when we work hard but then balance that with rest.

Psalm 23 is very familiar to us all but look at verse 2 "He makes me to lie down in green pastures" and verse 3 "He restores my soul" we have to understand that there is more to our lives and our Christian lives than being busy all the time, we have to learn to slow down and rest. Something I find very difficult, but having covid has made me more aware and helped me to see that rest is just as important as being busy. If we are constantly busy where does Jesus fit in, but when we are at rest we have the time to allow him in, to work in us and make us better people of God. We must find time to rest for our bodies. If you don't take time to rest your body, your body will make time to rest itself either in the hospital or with a cold or as I found with covid. Our best requires rest. Do you feel guilty when you relax? I know I do however Jesus didn't. He took time off. Are you busier than Jesus? Is what you're doing more important than what Jesus did? We need to take time to recharge our emotions. What things recharge you emotionally? You need quietness. You need time for relationships. We need to refocus our spirits.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 11 verse 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Basically He's saying, If you'll learn from me you'll find the load I give you to carry is light. You'll find deep, satisfying rest, A rest for your soul. Are you stressed out, tired, weary? Jesus says come to Me. I'm not going to load more on you but I'll give you true meaning, and you'll recover your life. Because: I will make you lie down in green pastures and I will lead you beside still waters." Isn't it time you really let Him do that for you? So we need to ensure we have a truly balanced life and make time to rest and restore our bodies and souls.

Although the past 5 days have caused me to become frustrated it has also given me the time to see that God is speaking to me and I should listen. Having a busy life and being constantly on the go isn't what God created us for, we need to slow down, take time, rest and then we can become what God intended for us which is a balanced life.

There are four areas of our lives we need to balance to help us live according to God's plan and purpose for us:

1. Our top priority should be spending time with God each day. We need to read and think about God's Word, pray, listen for His voice and directions, and simply spend quality time with Him.
2. Relationships are essential to God's plans for us. We should allocate time to family and friends, since Galatians 6 verse 2 reminds us to "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."
3. The area most likely to become imbalanced is our work. The Lord doesn't want us to be overly consumed with our careers and work commitments.
4. Taking care of our body is vital, allocating adequate time for rest, recreation, and exercise.

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September Prayer Pointers

Sundays - Praise for the Lord for the food we eat, may he bless
our farmers as they prepare for next year's crops.

Mondays - Give thanks for the ongoing work of the Fair Trade
movement supporting poorer farmers abroad.

Tuesdays - Pray for young people starting new schools or going off to Uni.

Wednesdays - Give thanks for all working in Education and pray they are
fulfilled in their work.

Thursdays - Pray for all who are sick and those awaiting specialist treatment.

Fridays - Give thanks for those who spread the Word of God and pray for
Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

Saturdays - Pray for all living in war torn countries, bless those who seek peace.



Eastling Church

Flower rota

1st & 8th Sept - Gabby
& Pippa

15th, 22nd & 29th - Pim

6th October - **Harvest Festival**
Communal decorating on
Saturday 5th.

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





CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Wreck Hunter

Since 1961 Terry Parsons searched for lost aircraft and memories of the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. He discovered over decades thousands of RAF and Luftwaffe artefacts and unearthed an intricate weave of life stories. This talk shows us how one man's pioneering commitment to aviation archaeology serves as a tribute to thousands of young souls lost in the Battle of Britain and the Blitz.



Speaker: *Melody Foreman*

Thursday 12th September 2024
Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing
Doors open at 7.30pm,
talk starts at 8pm

www.charinghistory.co.uk

The Arts Society Faversham



The Arts Society is the UK's leading arts education charity that brings people together through a shared curiosity in the arts. We enjoy illustrated talks on a fascinating wide range of topics, for example "History of Cartoons", "Mayan Culture" and "Turner vs Constable"; outings to galleries and historic houses and an elegant annual Society Dinner. The Faversham group is a welcoming one and meet 10 times a year to hear speakers, all experts in their field, engage us with their specialist knowledge about the arts, with the aim of learning about, and preserving our artistic heritage.

Meetings are held at The Alexander Centre in Preston Street, Faversham on the 4th Thursday of the month. Come along for a complimentary coffee at 10.20 for the 11a.m start. You can try us out for a modest fee and no doubt will want to become a member!

Contact Maureen Bush, Membership Secretary:

tolly@clara.co.uk or visit our website:

www.theartsocietyfaversham.org.uk

Our next lecture is on the Thursday 26th September

"Discovering MacDonald Gill: architect, artist and mapmaker." by Caroline Walker.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Some of the Otterden & Stalisfield WI Group had a lovely trip to All Saints Church in Tudeley. Not only is it a lovely building dating from the 7th century originally, but all 12 stained glass windows, installed between 1967 and 1985, were designed by Marc Chagall and the only church in the world to be decorated by this well known artist. Chagall came to designing stained glass windows late in his career, collaborating with glassworker Charles Marq of Rheims. The windows are very much a modern design - the longer you look at them the more you see. The original Victorian windows are still also displayed in a specially designed backlit lightbox in the Vestry. The church is well worth visiting and we were lucky enough to be able to have a guided tour as well by the Reverend Pamela Ive. After we had spent a pleasant morning at the Church it was then lunch time, so we all paid a visit to the Poacher and Partridge pub nearby and very nice it was too!

Our August Meeting was a Fare to Share event and although finger foods were requested, there was a lot more on offer, so we all had a very convivial evening eating and drinking home made food and non alcoholic Pimms.

Our meeting on 4th September will be something different - Hand Bell ringing with Sandra Winter. Do join us if you would like to have a go. We meet up the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at Stalisfield Village Hall. Contact Helen Brooks on 07477 580727 or Ellie Cameron on 07775 649337.



Finally we will be hosting a Craft Fair at the village hall on October 19th at 13:30 to 16:00 both as a fundraiser for our group and an opportunity for local creative arts and crafters to promote their business and pre Christmas sales. If you would like to join us and have a table at this event for £10 please contact us.

Classical Coffee Morning Concerts

Every Saturday from 7th September, 10.45am for 75 minutes.

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Belmont House & Gardens What's On

Woodfest & Country Fair

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September,
10am-5pm**

We have lots of exciting woodland demonstrations taking place over the weekend including chainsaw carving, wood turning, furniture making, spoon carving, campfire cooking, horse logging, pole lathe turning as well as vintage tractors and a fantastic display of stationary steam engines.

The main arena attractions run continuously throughout the day and will include Kent Falconry Centre Display, The Mini Pony Show, Dog and Duck Display, Terrier Racing, Fun Dog Show (Sunday Only) and The Golden

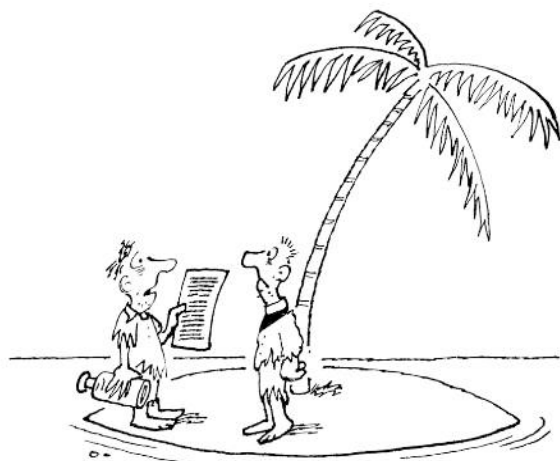
Retriever Display Team (Sunday Only). New for 2024, we have Øst Centingas Living History Society joining us with their Viking Encampment. £12.00 per person. Children under 16 are free. Book your tickets online to save 20%.

Rosemary Distillation Workshop

Wednesday 18th September, 10am-2pm

During this workshop, you will experience every stage of the process from picking the herbs, through to the distillation using a traditional copper still and take away your own bottle of rosemary hydrosol to see you through the cooler months. £55.00 per person.

www.belmont-house.org



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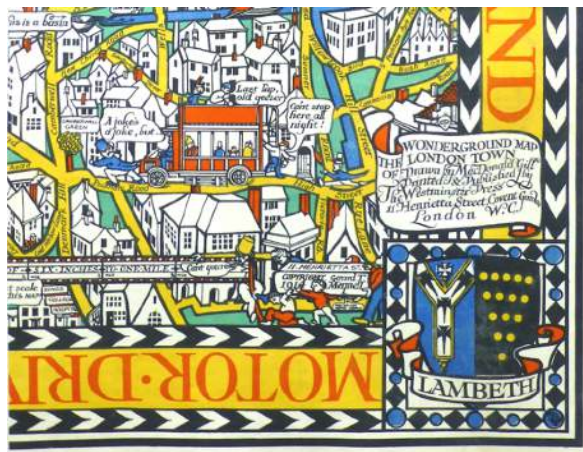


*The Arts Society brings
people together through a
shared curiosity for the arts*

We meet at Egerton Millennium Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm (doors open from 2.00). Our next lecture will be:

Wednesday 11th September at 2.30 p.m.

Discovering MacDonald Gill: architect, artist and mapmaker. Gill is famed for his pictorial maps, especially those for the London Underground. He also created painted maps for the Arts and Craft houses including Lindisfarne Castle, magnificent murals for Cunard liners, and eye-catching publicity posters. An enduring legacy is his alphabet for the Imperial War Graves Commission as used on all British military headstones since the First World War.



Our lecturer **Caroline Walker** spends much of her time researching the Gill brothers. She has co-curated exhibitions, organised events, and runs the MacDonald Gill website.

Visitors are always very welcome at £6 (just turn up and pay on the door), refunded if you join. Membership is £40. For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via cmwillis75@gmail.com or 01233 756377.

See also our website

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Services in our Benefice

1st September Trinity 14

James 1. 17 - end, Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion

Norton 10.30am Morning Worship

Lynsted 6pm Cornerstone

8th September Trinity 15

James 2. 1 - 10, 14 - 17, Mark 7. 24 - 37

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

Oare 10.30am Holy Communion

Lynsted 10.30am All Together Now

15th September Trinity 16

James 3. 1 - 12, Mark 8. 27 - 38

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

Norton 10.30am Holy Communion

Lynsted 6pm Cornerstone

22nd September Trinity 17

James 3.13 - 4.3, 7-8a, Mark 9. 30 - 37

Throwley 10.30am Harvest Festival with Communion

Newnham 10.30am Morning Worship

Wednesday 25th September

Wychling 11.00am Holy Communion

29th September Trinity 18

Hebrews 1. 5 - end, John 1. 47 - end

Teynham 10.30am Benefice Harvest Festival with Communion

6th October Trinity 19

Hebrews 1. 1-4, 2. 5-12, Mark 10. 2 - 16

Eastling 10.30am Harvest Festival with Communion



Online Daily Worship Continues

As well as the services in our churches, the daily 9am Morning Prayer will continue via Benefice Facebook Page

<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/>

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News from Citizens Advice Swale

citizens
advice

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Our guest speaker is The Mayor of Swale, Cllr Ben Martin.

RSVP to: Jude Lee, Citizens Advice Swale, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT. Phone: 01795 417666. Email: admin@citizensadviceswale.uk

If you'd like support, we run drop-in sessions which you can attend without an appointment:

- Monday 10am-12pm, Swale House, Sittingbourne
- Tuesday 10am-12pm, Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Mens Club)
- Wednesday & Friday 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

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On a Warm Day

by Audrey Keen

Hops have returned
Summer is spurned,
The peacock* is fed
On his buddleia bed,
The Hawsbit repose
Where the elder bush grows
And her fruits are both
luscious and black.
The meadow is bright
Where the sun sheds its light
And the wood beside this looks
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But the dallying cloud
On a blue sky so proud
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Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury in troubled times

Theodore had several things in common with Justin Welby: despite living in troubled times, and in the aftermath of a severe national plague, he made extensive tours of his archbishopric, spoke at many Synods, and worked tirelessly to unite the bickering factions of the Church in England.

But, unlike Justin Welby, Theodore did not start off as English. He was a Greek living quietly in a Roman monastery when in 664, after Archbishop Deusdedit died, the Pope began looking for a new Archbishop of Canterbury. Theodore was recommended as a good candidate, even though he was not even ordained at the time. The Pope moved quickly: Theodore was ordained

deacon, and four months later (when his hair had grown long enough) he was ordained priest and immediately consecrated bishop. Then he was sent, with some companions, off to Canterbury to be Archbishop. It was a very long journey, but Theodore used the weeks on the road well: by the time he arrived in Canterbury he could at least speak English.

Theodore arrived in Britain in May 669, and soon set about strengthening the leadership of the Church through appointing more bishops, improving administration and order, and setting up a yearly meeting for the whole church.

His main challenge was settling the areas with Celtic tradition, and bringing them

gently but firmly into the Roman Church. He wisely allowed a blending of Roman and Celtic traditions, which went well, and which began to give a common and unique identity to the church in Britain.

Theodore's legacy was immense: he is regarded as being the principal force behind the common Church in Britain. He was a gifted theologian and teacher, teaching science, astronomy, law, Latin and Greek. Above all, Theodore was an astute church politician and a visionary leader. Little wonder he is credited with having overseen one of the most fruitful periods of the church in Britain.



Rock me gently....

Do you have trouble sleeping? Get yourself a hammock, a rocking chair, or even an adult- size cradle. A recent scientific study has found that a slow swinging motion helps us fall asleep faster and also slip into a deeper sleep than a stationary bed.

The study, published in Current Biology, found that the swinging helps synchronise brain activity into a pattern associated with sleep. It also encouraged deeper sleep.

The findings help explain why generations of women have successfully cradled babies to sleep, and why it is so hard to stay awake in a rocking chair.



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Over the period of August there have
been many occurrences of hare coursing
and general idiots driving in the fields that
have been recently harvested. Eastling
and Throwley areas have been mainly
effected locally with other villages within
a 10 mile radius having a cause for concern.
These are not very pleasant persons
carrying this out so please do not approach
if seen but do not hesitate to ring 999
giving actual location if still in progress.

There have been reports of one of two
dogs being left behind and roaming
around, if seen please ring the dog
warden at Swale borough council who
will deal with the matter.

I am sure you would agree in thanking
the local farmers and their associates for
all the hard work that has been carried
out during harvesting, thank goodness
the weather kept fine.

There have been one or two various
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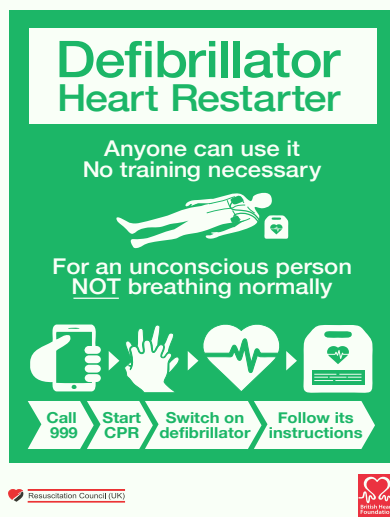
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PC Gary Morris is holding a

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ME13 0EN.

Do go along and let him know of
any crime or anti-social behaviour
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Visit: www.kent.police.uk for more
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Back to School

September is that time of year when we get back to school after the summer break, along with our other routines. As disciples (lit: learners) we are all called to learn from Jesus and live like Him. God wants us to make a difference as disciples in our school and workplace, family and friends. As Paul writes:

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'
(Colossians 3:17).

'WHATEVER you do': God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

'Whatever YOU do': God wants to use us to share God's love with the people around us, wherever we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

'Whatever you DO': Our work is for God alone, as a response to God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

A man standing on a train platform was asked one day: *'Who are you?'* He replied, *'I am a Christian thinly disguised as an accountant.'* If we were asked the same question I wonder what we would say. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our identity is rooted in God and His call upon our lives. For each of us, September represents going back to school with Jesus, to learn how we can live for Him.

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10am - 4pm in Faversham Town Centre.

Local produce stalls, local farmers, historic period re-enactors and entertainers are invited to get involved, for more information contact Claire Elliott at Faversham Town Council.
Email

claire.elliott@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk



Join Macknade on Friday 20th September from 18.30 till 21.30 for its popular foodie quiz, in aid of local Kent charity, Food Friends.

Do you know your beurré blanc from your béarnaise? Your ricotta from your raclette? Well, why don't you grab a group of friends and help raise funds for a fantastic charity at the same time!

Recommended teams of 4-8 people.

Tickets are £17.50 per person and include a classic deli platter for each person. (enquiries@macknade.com, 01795 534497)

£5 from each ticket sale will be donated to Food Friends and there will be a bar on the night to purchase drinks.

Eastling Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday 10th September at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall

All are welcome to attend



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Stalisfield Youth Group!

Stalisfield Youth Group is for 11-17yr olds.

We meet on Wednesdays, twice a month, 7 - 8.30pm in the village hall.

It is free to come.

We have music, gaming, craft, table tennis, table football, outside games in the Summer, craft table, tuck shop (everything 10 - 50p), free cake and drink.

We sometimes have a theme night, eg karaoke pancake making or woodland walk.



It is a time when young people can relax, hang out and catch up.

Upcoming Dates: * 11th September * 18th September

Contact Catherine 07929 928 046 or clnwood@doctors.org.uk or see our Facebook page for more details.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

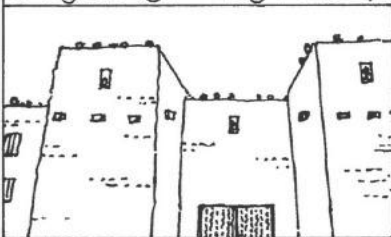
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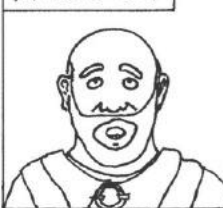
The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



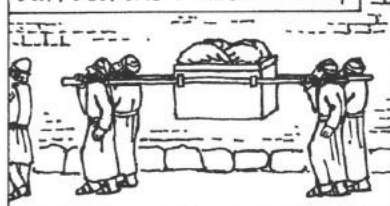
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



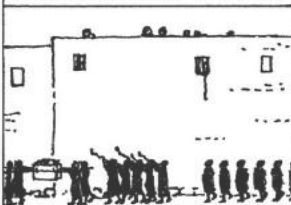
The army followed not saying a word.



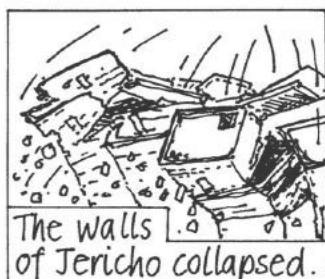
They did this for 6 days.



On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.



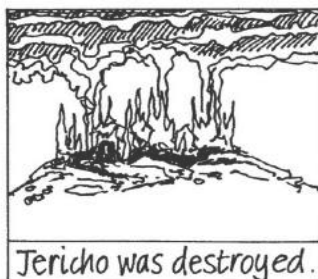
The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.



The army rushed into the town and captured it.



Jericho was destroyed.

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