



# The Spire

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## HOLYmpics!

Wow. What an amazing week. Over 75 children each and every day. Our theme this year was an easy choice for us. THE OLYMPICS! But with a twist! The Holiday Club song really explains our theme well. Each day we gathered at the front of the church singing and dancing to some amazing songs. We then enjoyed a sketch where we learnt more about Jez the Captain of Team GC and Azer, Moz, Uzzy and Gaz and of course our mascot Dottie! Throughout the course of the week our 'athletes' decided to commit themselves to the team, we discovered that they dedicated themselves to training and learnt about what they sacrificed on the way, we watched as Coach Jez chose them to be part of his team, and we joined in when they trained each day, we heard how they disappointed the coach when they went to a party but still he kept them on the team, and we were there when they all ran the race together! Wow what a week. And of course we then all heard how our athletes' experiences can relate to us in our Christian journey with Jesus as our Coach and Captain.

During the week we had an amazing time at the gym club, the older group enjoyed a sleep over in the church and we had an amazing sports day at St Mary of Charity Primary School where we were visited by Natalie who was a torch bearer for the Olympic Torch Relay. Many of the children enjoyed having their picture taken with Natalie. The day ended with a BBQ which over 120 enjoyed!

And an amazing week full of fun, laughter, and fellowship a fantastic way to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club!

And we have already set the date for next year! 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

With our thanks to all who helped make Holiday Club such a wonderful week.

Oh and of course the characters' names in our sketch meant:

Jez:	short for Jeremiah:	Greek for SENT BY GOD
Azer;	short for Aziel:	Hebrew for GOD IS MY TEACHER
Moz:	short for Moriah:	Hebrew for GOD IS MY JOY
Uzzy:	short for Uzziel:	Hebrew for GOD IS MY POWER
Gaz:	short for Gavriela:	Hebrew for GOD IS MY STRENGTH
Dottie:	short for Dorothy:	Greek for A GIFT FROM GOD



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# Celebrating Harvest

We will be decorating the church on Saturday, 29 September, and the Harvest service and Harvest Supper will take place on Sunday, 30 September. Please speak to Val Tyler if you'd like to help on Saturday -no experience required, just enthusiasm!

All donations at the Harvest Service of non-perishable foods and toiletries plus *new* socks and underwear, etc, will be passed to *Catching Lives*.

Please speak to Tory Swain to agree what you should bring to contribute to the *bring and share* Harvest Supper which will be held at St Mary of Charity school. The supper will incorporate an *au revoir* and best wishes to the whole Sivyer family as they transfer to St Mary, Teynham with the start of Steven's ordination training!



## St Mary of Charity's Brass Band

Doreen Carden has folded up her dusters, after 28 years of brass cleaning in the church!

A devoted and dedicated person, Doreen has never missed a time to help.

So we all say: "Well done, Doreen" and "A big thank you!" From your Brass Cleaning Friends!

Offers of help for the Brass Band would be most welcome!

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*We would like to invite you to a new venture.*

# Youth Cafe Church At COSTA

Open to all youth of secondary school age and meeting each Wednesday from 7pm to 8.30pm in Costa Coffee, Tesco, Faversham. Starting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Youth Café Church will bring youth together into the relaxed café atmosphere and will start with a drink\* from Costa. Favourites have so far included Creamy Toffee Cooler with the works! We will then have a lively discussion on a religious theme. This will be interactive and include numerous resources including movie clips. With time to hear and share your views and thoughts.

There will be plenty of time for open prayer each evening.

<i>Interested?</i>	Then come along to our opening night on Weds. 3 <sup>rd</sup> October.
<i>Want to know more?</i>	Then give me a call.
<i>Got a friend?</i>	Then bring them along.
<i>Got Facebook?</i>	Of course we have. Check us out!

This is a new exciting venture for Church Youth and we would love you to be part of it.

\*you will need to bring some money to buy your own drink.

## St Mary of Charity Parish Church

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# From the Curate...

Dear Friends

A mere 30 years or so after Jesus walked the earth, these words were written to a little cluster of his followers: 'You are citizens with the saints...members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.' (Ephesians 2:19-22). If these grand words were appropriate for a network of small churches in the 1st century AD, I believe they are also relevant for the churches in interregnum, in Faversham, today.

The lectionary this summer has given us the opportunity to work through the whole New Testament epistle to the Ephesians, and that's what our preaching series is attempting to do. Here are four reasons why I think Ephesians is an excellent text for our church to study:

- (i) It challenges us about what we do and who we are; it doesn't let us avoid the awkward questions about how we behave at St Mary of Charity;
- (ii) It inspires us with what we *can* be (and already *are* in God's eyes), because of Christ: our dignity, our calling, our potential and our purpose in the world.
- (iii) It asks us to open our eyes to see that 'the Church' is a work of God that is as wide as the universe; i.e. 'the church' is not confined to St Mary of Charity and its way of doing things, as if that is the only and fullest way of being church.
- (iv) By *being* church in the way Ephesians calls us to be, we will be engaging in God's mission in the world. How? Because it calls us to be a prayerful, spiritually mature, gifted community and a place of reconciliation, where the dignity and vocations of *all* are recognised, and contribute to God's glory.

I encourage you to persevere with Ephesians - take time to read and pray through it at home, and to listen for what the Lord might say to you (and to us) through it.

There are many things to be thankful for, and to look forward to in the life of St Mary of Charity. Steven Sivyer has been accepted for training to ordained ministry, which begins in September. Huge changes for the Sivyers - not least with another baby on the way soon! Do keep them in your prayers over the coming months.

## Giant Pumpkins?



Come along to the Phoenix in Abbey Street on Sunday 28 October when at 8.15 PM the Pumpkin Competition will be judged, the prizes awarded and the landlord will auction off some of the pumpkins and other produce for the Restoration Appeal.

Further details will be in the Sunday notice sheet and on the Phoenix website.

On Sunday July 15th our children and young people led a creative, thoughtful, and inspiring service in the south transept, asking us what legacy we will leave behind, and using the Olympic torch as a way to reflect on Jesus as the Light of the world, and each of us as bearers of light to the places we live and work. Our annual Holiday Club (week beginning August 13th), was on the theme of 'Holympics'! so prayers for Martin, Nick, and their team of hard-working people as they recover from a successful week. See the article in this issue.

Bishop Trevor visited us on July 22nd, challenging and encouraging us, in the light of Ephesians 2, to reflect on who we *were*, who we are *now*, and what is *yet to come*. As part of his visit he blessed our brilliant new Credence Table, made by Leslie Osborne, and it was a delight to see Leslie with us again, after his recent heart attack.

On a personal note, it was wonderful to see my wife, Alice, ordained priest at Canterbury Cathedral in June, and continuing in her role as Assistant Curate in the Kingsdown & Creekside Cluster. Though you don't get to see much of her much anymore, I know many of you pray for Alice and ask after her, and we're very grateful for that. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours, in Christ,

*James*



# Pilgrims in the footsteps of St. Paul

Janet Millwood, a frequent visitor to St Mary of Charity, writes: In June 2011, while on a day trip to Canterbury from my home in Essex, I was enjoying the old streets and buildings when my eyes were drawn to a poster in a shop window inviting passengers to join a cruise "In the Footsteps of St Paul". There were setbacks and cold feet, but in October I joined the coach in Faversham then flew, with complete strangers, to Athens and boarded the MV Arion at Corinth.

Next morning we went on the first excursion to Ancient Corinth and wonderful experiences began. The ruins are extensive and show how sophisticated the city had been. There was an effective water supply, large shops, temples, the Bema (platform) where Paul spoke. He stayed and preached earning his keep by tent making (Acts 18:1-17). Back on Arion the wind was rising as we manoeuvred into the entrance of the Corinth Canal. Our ship was small enough, even so the rocky sides were very close. The canal was blasted through in 1893 to connect the Aegean to the Ionian Sea for trade purposes.

That night we sailed north across the Aegean Sea and many of us must have prayed for protection from 'fears and terrors of the night'. It was ROUGH! Drawers flew open, things rolled across the floor, the ship groaned and lurched, but we survived, ready for Eucharist before breakfast.

We went to Philippi on a beautiful sunny day. It is bigger than Corinth with remains of temples, churches, baptistery and theatres. St Paul came here five times, he loved the place and the people so much, though we also saw the stone hut said to be his prison. He met opposition wherever he went. Nearby we stopped by a sweet, gentle stream where Paul baptised Lydia, the first European Christian (Acts 16:11-19).

We gathered there and renewed our own baptism vows. And then Ephesus, grander still, with thousands of visitors. We were herded by our sheepdog guide but given plenty of time to wonder and marvel. There was a settlement here by the 7th century BC but most of the present remains are of the early centuries AD built by the

Romans. Paul visited around 55 AD and would have seen pristine magnificent buildings – temples, fountains (pillared structures enclosing a pool fed from mountain streams), expensive shops, grand houses with piped water and sewers, public baths and toilets, vast open spaces – the government buildings gone – and the theatre. This was begun in 100 BC and enlarged as the city grew.

After Paul's time there was seating for 25,000 with sun canopy, (our Albert Hall holds 6,000). Paul in the two years he was there upset the silversmiths who made statues of Diana, and a contagious riot broke out with two hours of

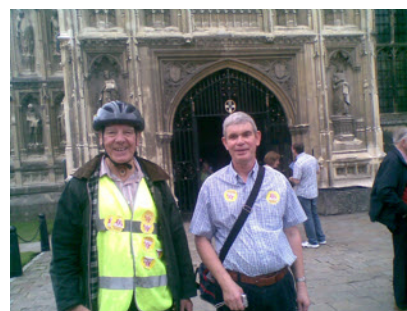


shouting in the theatre. Paul wanted to speak, but his friends whisked him out of the way (Acts 19:21-34). Several times in our visits we walked on the Egnatian Way (Via Egnatia), a marble-paved road for military and commercial traffic eastwards to Asia. We really did tread 'In the Footsteps of St Paul'.

Our holiday was a pilgrimage; we were helped to understand Paul and his times by expert daily lectures from Canon Peter Brett of Canterbury Cathedral. Each morning began with Eucharist and the day closed with Compline, which gently smoothed all the impressions and busyness of the day into a mood of calm gratitude, ready for sleep.

Our last morning was in Athens, the first of November, but it felt like spring. There is a fine new museum of the Acropolis near the site itself. The financial crisis was looming, but no-one seemed to have noticed. I set off with strangers, returned with friends, united by our new insights and experiences.

## Well done...



...to all who took part in this year's *Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride* (8 September) whether riding, striding or checking sponsored visitors in.

As well as over 50 people checked in at this church (plus families, friends and general hangers-on), Peter Evans and Ron Haden cycled around Dover *and then* the Faversham area and hope to have raised over £350!

# Ordination - How to turn your life inside out without even trying!

So, Mark, ordination training, eh? Big step – how did you get started with that?

It was a mixture of things, really, but I think the first really tangible moment was after seeing Godspell performed at the church, I had a strong urge to do more. I took the ALM course and then when I attended Nick and James' ordinations at the Cathedral it became very clear to me. Every time I wondered if I was heading in the right direction or deluding myself, life dropped another hint.

Right. So once you feel you're being called, what happens next?

First you need to speak to your parish priest. If they feel you are serious and committed they will send a letter of recommendation to the diocese. First you meet with a spiritual advisor who discerns whether you really do have a quality and you then meet with the Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO). The DDO will assign you to an assistant DDO to explore ministry and calling - this will prepare you for the next few hurdles! In the Canterbury Diocese there is a local panel, lasting a day, to prepare you for the Bishop's Advisory Panel (BAP). In the same way you would with universities or colleges, you visit various theological colleges on open days to see what they offer, and attend interviews with them to see if you can get a place. Next comes the BAP. This is three days when you, along with other prospective ordinands, are 'observed' closely while you give presentations, chair meetings and discussions, carry out various pastoral exercises and generally socialise together. It's a very intense time. A couple of weeks later you have an appointment with the Bishop to discuss the report he will have received and learn whether you are being approved for ordination training.

Sounds like a lot to go through ...

Yes, but it's a very serious step to take – you're not changing your job; this is an



entirely different way of life. It really is *a calling*. And the diocese need to be sure that it is the right thing for you to do, not just because of the upheaval in your own life, but in the lives of those around you. And - being completely practical about it - as the diocese funds your initial study and then trains you as a curate for a few years, they need to know this is something which is not only right but which you will be doing for years to come – as a return on their investment! It's not something you can or should do as a whim or take on lightly.

True, so how long does it all take, on average do you think?

Well, I would think for the average person, to go from the first stirrings to actually getting to a panel, you'd be lucky to be taking less than two or three years. It's strange because at times you feel like nothing will ever happen, you'll be in limbo for ever, and then your BAP date comes around and you feel like it's too soon, and you're not ready! I actually did the first year of the course which ordinands do at SEITE (South East Institute of Theological Education), which was recommended to me by one of the clergy team, to see how I would get on and how I liked it. I found having a demanding full-time job and doing a part-time course very, very tough going,

but my results were good. However, both the DDO and the Bishop told me before I went for my local panel and BAP that they wanted me to study on a full-time residential course.

And what happens now?

Well, I've resigned from my job, my last day was at the end of August. And I've sold my house; renting wasn't financially viable and would have actually left me out of pocket in the long run. Most of my furniture will be given away as it will cost more to store than it cost to buy in the first place. Towards the end of September I move into a single student's room at Cuddesdon. As I said earlier, it's a significant life change, not a career change! I will be visiting Faversham occasionally though. And once I have completed my two years' studying, I hope to get a curacy in the Canterbury Diocese - preferably not too far from Canterbury itself.

It's a bit like being on a roller-coaster - I've had lots of periods of slow motion where not much seems to happen, and another white-knuckle part is about to start! I'll always have a place in my heart for St Mary of Charity as it's the church which set me on my current path - and I hope that the congregation will continue to pray for me as I follow The Way.

# Choir Tour 2012 to Rochester



It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was 2012 choir tour – the culmination of a year’s worth of musical endeavour, and also Steven Sivyer’s last choir tour as musical director. It was also in Rochester which gives me an excuse to write this article in the style of Charles Dickens. Whether I (or Steven) will turn out to be the hero of this report, this page must show. [OK – that’s *A Tale of Two Cities* and *David Copperfield* covered – where shall I work in *Edwin Drood* which is set in Rochester and where the choirmaster is suspected of murder? Hmm...]

There were a number of things about this year’s choir tour that made it special. Firstly, being nearer to home meant that some people who can’t travel far could join in. For example Daphne Andrews who has been the warm heart of the choir for longer than some members have existed was able to be with us, which was brilliant. “Great men are seldom over-scrupulous in the arrangement of their attire” it says in the *Pickwick Papers*. Great women like Daphne, however, are incredibly scrupulous in the arrangement of other people’s scarves and cassocks. Nick Ash was also able to come along on the Sunday and add his excellent tenor voice, as well as join in the picnic in the crypt at lunchtime (provided by picnic-maestros Roz and Terry). And from further afield we were able to welcome back John Bradbury and Sheila Hingley who found time in her busy schedule coping with Durham archival crises to be with us. Best of all, friends from the Faversham congregation were able to drop in for services too – it was wonderful to see them.

Friday’s service was a little bit nerve-wracking because Rochester cathedral always has that service unaccompanied – i.e. without any organ music. Even the hymns had to be led just by the choir alone, singing in harmony all the way through. That was as nothing, though, to how nerve-wracking it was when we DID use the organ. Patti Whaley, John Bradbury and I went over to Rochester on the Thursday to have a go on the organ and see what it was like. We spent about half an hour looking for a little

electronic display screen that we knew had to be somewhere, but where? Steven, at the end of a phone, was trying tactfully not to call us a bunch of idiots (he’s “very ‘umble”). The thing should have been right in front of us – why couldn’t we see it? Eventually he phoned someone at the cathedral and it turned out it had been taken away for repair and no-one had thought to tell us. “Please sir, we want some more [organ console],” we said. As in *Oliver Twist*, we had to wait, and we didn’t get what we needed until an hour before the practice on Saturday.

Many Dickens characters have to cope with organising feckless friends and relations. Ensuring we none of us ended up in the Marshalsea debtor’s prison was choir treasurer Alison Swinney who holds the purse strings and prevents us being left hoping that “something will turn up”. Providing the responsibility on choir tour as ever were Maggie Lanxon and Sally Fancourt, who herded everyone into the right places at the right times with the right music. And it wasn’t easy – we were determined not to miss the wedding of the year at church on Saturday afternoon, but that meant pelting up the motorway to Rochester for evensong directly afterwards. I hope the speed cameras weren’t on that day!

There were two other high points of the weekend; one of them was singing Steven’s glorious “Faversham Service” on Sunday in the cathedral – it was premiered in church on



# Trinity Chapel: Restoration Complete!

Easter Sunday but it was wonderful to give it a wider audience. Many members of the congregation and cathedral staff told Steven how much they'd enjoyed it, some even *before* they knew he was the composer! The other highlight was when Roger Sayer, Cathedral Organist at Rochester and Steven's one-time teacher and mentor, told us that we were one of the best visiting choirs he'd ever heard. He didn't have to say that, and praise from someone so distinguished meant a lot.

And now to the sad farewells that come at the end of all good Victorian novels. I've mentioned that Steven is stepping down as Director of Music in September in order to train for ordination, and so this was his last choir tour in charge.



Helen Swinney, for so long a lead soprano has just completed her A Levels and so will be off to University at the same time. But they're not disappearing forever, and we hope they'll be back to join in when they can. We have the memories of choir tours past, the joy of choir tour present, and can look forward to choir tours yet to come.

Next year will be a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary return trip to Truro.

The Trinity Chapel has been finished and we plan to have a new carpet fitted as soon as possible. As soon as possible we will hold a re-dedication.

We think it looks really good although there is a little residue damp coming through in one place which needs attention on the outside.

And now you can see that work on the south aisle ceiling has started. Much of it was unsafe and the plaster has been taken down. Rotten wood has had to be replaced with steel and re-plastering will commence soon.

Some roofing work has been completed as a number of slates/tiles were broken or missing and water had started to come through.

Our thanks to all those who have raised or donated money including organisations that have given grants. The money in the Restoration kitty is now very slim but we are going to embark on looking at new plans for toilets and kitchen etc; perhaps on the outside of the church.



## We Say Goodbye...

... to Mark Ham who is going on to Ordination training (see his article).



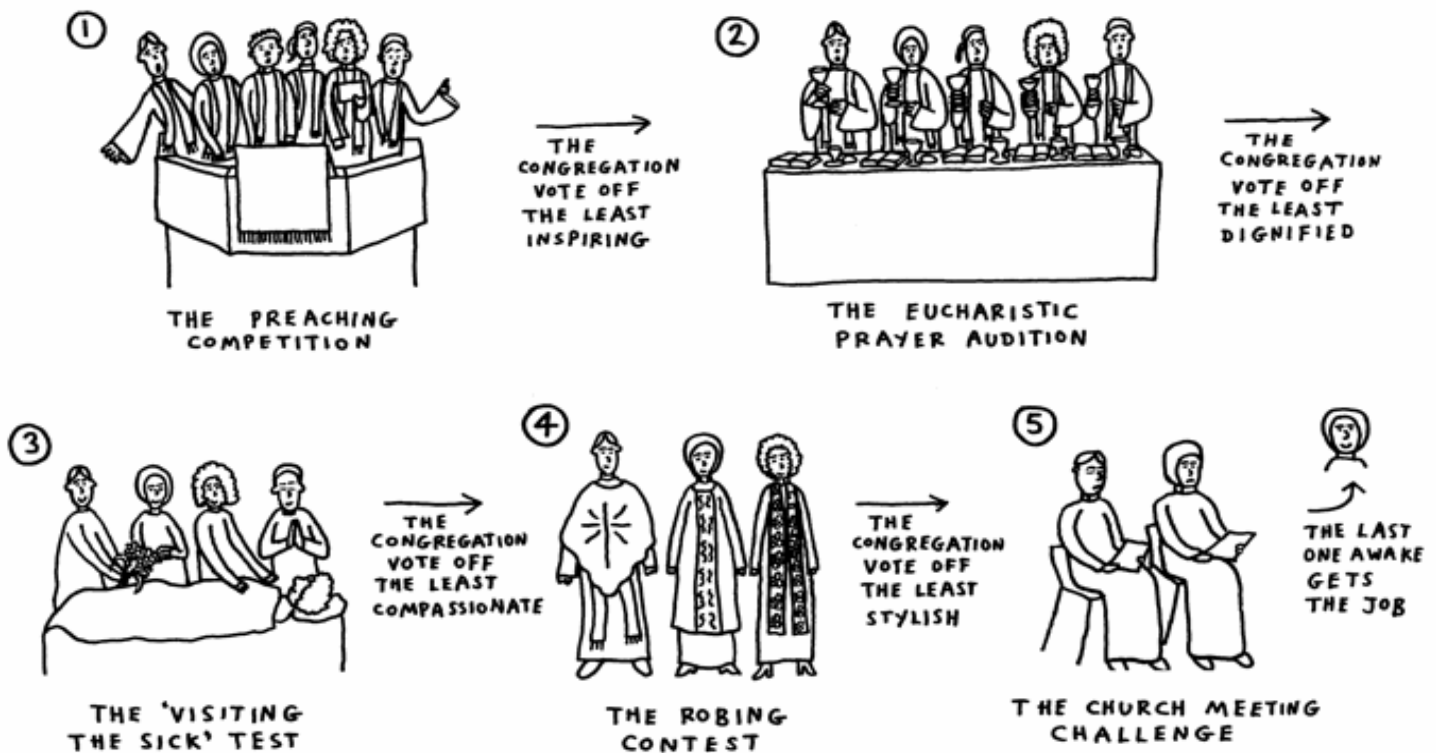
... to Steve and Emma Sivyer, and of course Nathaniel and baby Sivyer who are transferring to the Teynham parishes. We will miss Steve's professional musical ability and his "humour". We will miss Emma's many contributions and her services and sermons. How they have grown as part of the Church family.

We thank them all and wish Mark, Steve Emma and family God speed.

We have nominated 14 people for training as ALM's and 2 of these have gone on to ordination training. Long may it continue that we send people out to grow the ministry of our Lord.

# APPOINTING A NEW VICAR

THE PROCESS IS LONG AND COMPLEX



What is the latest update?

On 25 September the PCC will be asked by the Archdeacon to vote on whether we should join with Davington and Ospringe in a single benefice. This would mean that there would be one PCC to cover three Churches. Each Church though would have its own local District Church Council (DCC). It is expected that there will be a group council (which could involve St Catherine's Church) and this would look at mission in the town.

With the structure that includes a Mission Forum, it should be possible to apply for mission funding to pay for a second priest to encourage mission in the town and also cover the Ospringe and Davington. Without the mission funding a second priest cannot be afforded.

The Archdeacon has expressed the wish that there be only one PCC as legally the Rector (Incumbent) has to chair each PCC by law; a lay person can chair a DCC.

A Town PCC can more easily determine policy for the whole town which each Church would have to accept, for example the policy of Communion before Confirmation, youth activities for

the town. One Church DCC would not be able to "go it alone" on policy matters.

The Church Representation rules require that the relationship between PCC and DCC's is a matter for the annual meeting/PCC and delegation can include EVERYTHING except:

- The production of the financial statement of the parish (but information can be prepared by the DCC's)
- Its legal role as a consultee in future pastoral reorganisation (although again, there is nothing stopping the PCC seeking the views of the DCC's)
- Its legal role in the appointment of an incumbent (and again, DCC's can be involved)
- Its role in the passing of resolutions with regard to women priests (although this legislation is about to change)

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions...

- Parish churches remaining as parish churches which means that the status of any of the churches is not changed – a parish can have more than one parish church.

- The meeting load depends on what is decided but as an example there could be DCC meeting say 6 times per year (like the present PCC) with the legal 4 minimum PCC meetings.

- Regarding Gift Aid, in single parishes with more than one parish church giving can still be to the individual church and the individual church can claim gift aid in its own right (to be put into the designated fund for the church).

## Likely Timetable

If we can now agree to a single benefice, the Archdeacon hopes to advertise in October and hold interviews in November and have the Priest in Charge Rector elect in post by Easter.

Once the Team Vicar (Ospringe/Davington) is in place, hopefully within the year, then the next APCM can finally set the future model. The Archdeacon did say that the Team Rector can start work on the new model immediately he/she is in post but to agree a final model by an April 2013 APCM seems optimistic.



# Our Parish Administrator writes...

One third of my contractual hours each week are to be used for the administration of the Built to InSpire project, so it was suggested that I should let people know what's occurring.

Aside from getting to grips with the technical and maintenance side of the website, and ensuring that there are always sufficient leaflets out and helping visitors with any queries, there have been two fairly major events over the past few months to update you all on. One is a *good thing* which has arisen from something which was not good at all. The other is a *good thing* full stop!



Firstly, the donations slot and safe, which is built into an oak pew cupboard in the north transept, had been the victim of a sustained and lengthy attack. Over a

period of time, a person or persons unknown have been trying to either carve, force or burn their way into the safe were the donations go. Luckily, the access to the safe is cleverly designed and not as obvious as it would at first appear. And also, both the oak surround and the front of the safe were much thicker and tougher than had been given credit for (I like to think it was very frustrating for whoever was ruining their screwdrivers and burning their fingers trying to get into the box).

I brought the state of the donations box to the attention of Dennis – who is the treasurer for B2I and we then spoke to Steve Ketch. As well as being one of the bell ringers, Steve is also a carpenter and builder and is currently carefully repairing and restoring the worn hinges on the misericords.

After some discussion, Steve dismantled the front of the safe and repaired it and installed metal fascia plates. He then had a brass plate made for the slot at the top of the box, which was enlarged, and counter-sank it into the top of the cabinet. The new donations slot is now easier to see and looks very attractive.

I have also moved the leaflet stand so that there is nothing blocking the view from the CCTV cameras – any future attempts to break in will be more difficult and easier to spot!

The second thing is that a new set of over 30 worksheets for schools have been created and uploaded onto the Built to InSpire website. These cover the history of the church itself; information on the brasses; what food people in the past would have eaten and the clothes they would have worn; information on church windows and why they are the way they are; the history of the SPCK, the town's historical link to maritime trade and piracy and the history behind the English Reformation among other topics. They are bright, informative and very interesting!

Once these had been uploaded onto the website as pdfs, a letter was sent to over 30 primary schools in the area to let them know about the worksheets and suggesting that a visit to the church to supplement their pupils' studies might be something they would like to arrange. There is already one visit planned for September for the cubs.

With a new team behind the B2I project, there are some very interesting ideas and initiatives bubbling under the surface. I hope that it won't be too long before we're able to put an article in *The Spire* about another fascinating project which is being discussed.



## Volunteers Needed at the vicarage!

The five bedroom vicarage has been painted out in neutral colours, a new alarm system and secondary double glazing installed and other minor works dealt with. We will shortly be asking for volunteers to help with a clean up and sort out the garden – volunteers to Churchwardens please

## Vacancy

**Organist and Director of Music.**

Full adverts can be found in the Church Times on 7 and 14 September and on the Canterbury Diocesan Website.

If you require further information, please contact Dennis Parrett on 01795 530380



Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan and help raise money for this excellent organisation!

There will be two to enjoy on 28 September, and they're both spaced so that you can go to both! Here, at St Mary of Charity between 10 and 12 noon or at 19 The Leas (off Bysing Wood Road) between 2 - 4 pm.

Please speak to Catriona or Daphne and Antony Millett if you'd like to help in any way - or just come along and have a cuppa and a chat!

**You can make a child's Christmas wishes come true!**



Martin Tyler will be organising the St Mary of Charity collection for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse).

Information and leaflets are at the back of the church. If you would like to transform a shoe box into a thing of wonder and delight the collection will be in early November!

## Helping with Baptisms



Help is needed to welcome those being Baptised on Sunday afternoons into our Church family and to support their families

Are you able to spare some time from 12.15 to 1.30 pm on the second Sunday of the month (possibly other dates) for this important role?

This involves supporting the officiating minister in preparing the church Before the service, representing the congregation during and then helping to tidy up afterwards.

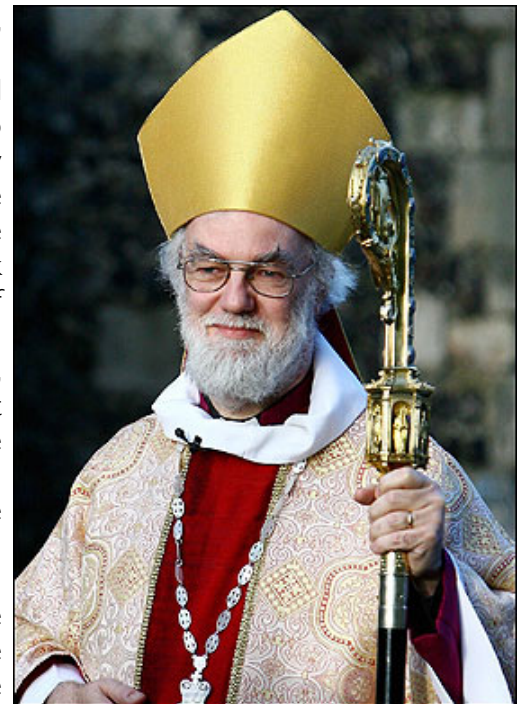
If you would be happy to help, please speak to

Jayne Bartholomew or email [admin@stmaryofcharity.org](mailto:admin@stmaryofcharity.org)

## Diocesan Farewell Service for Archbishop Rowan

*An invitation from Bishop Trevor*

"At the end of the year, Archbishop Rowan will step down from his local, national and international roles as Archbishop of Canterbury to take up his new post as Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. The Diocese will have an opportunity to mark the Archbishop's ten years of ministry at a special service in Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday, 18 November at 3.15 pm. At Archbishop Rowan's request, the Diocesan farewell service will be in the context of Evensong in the Nave, followed by a presentation.



We will have use of the entire Cathedral so that as many people as possible can attend (the service will not be ticketed and entry will be on a first-come, first-seated basis). Tea, coffee and cakes will be offered in the Chapter House and Cloisters afterwards for all those who can stay. Archbishop Rowan and Jane would prefer that the Diocese do not buy any gift for them. Parishes or individuals, who wish to, may instead make donations to 'Catching Lives', a local homeless charity of which Archbishop Rowan is patron.

In the Autumn I will write again with further details of the service and how parishes may make donations. I will also ask parish clergy to provide us with an indication of numbers attending the service so that we can make suitable provision for seating and catering in the Cathedral."

*Information and a sign-up sheet for this service will be at the back of the church towards the end of the month, updated as further news comes from Bishop Trevor.*

# From the Register



## Baptisms:

- Mar 11 Maisie Field
- Mar 11 Olivia Holmes
- Mar 25 Isla Simpson
- Mar 31 Eliana Mia Rogers-Bricout
- Mar 31 Holly Lowes-Bond
  
- Apr 15 Wilf Wakeman
- Apr 22 Ethan Gilbert
- Apr 29 Crystal Heldt
  
- May 13 Bella Sofia De Cicco
  
- Jun 10 Miley and Taylor Childs
- Jun 10 Lexi Pout
- Jun 17 Henry Forsyth
- Jun 17 Chloe-Ann Louise Forber
  
- Jul 8 Luca Anthony Monticelli
- Jul 8 Jayden Fryer
- Jul 15 Matthew Murch
- Jul 15 Brooke Kent
  
- Aug 12 Sidney Alf Willson
- Aug 12 Aston Payne

## Weddings:

- 21 Apr Richard Cleaver & Michelle Nolan
- 28 Apr Richard Barnes & Katie Tester
- 02 Jun James Purcell & Gemma Buckley
- 16 Jun Marten Swan & Megan Coe
- 30 Jun David Selves & Tracy Clark
- 28 Jul Darren Hills & Julie Murray
- 04 Aug Jason Unsworth & Rachel Hatcher-Jones
- 11 Aug Dean Rowlands & Gemma Burgess
- 17 Aug Andrew Brown & Natalie Davison
- 18 Aug Darren Kemp & Sadie Kemp
- 25 Aug Michael Leeds & Amy Cook

## Funerals

- 20 Apr Douglas William Pile (73)  
*Charing Crematorium*
- 02 May Joyce Avery (88)  
*Barham Crematorium*
- 14 May Joan Olive Warwick (91)  
*Garden of England Crematorium*
- 16 May Helen Beatrice Mercer (83)  
*Charing Crematorium*
- 28 May James Laurence Gremo (71)  
*Barham Crematorium*
- 30 May Alfred James Henry Tully (94)  
*Charing Crematorium*
- 01 Jun Malcolm James Weaver (80)  
*Charing Crematorium*
- 26 Jun Richard Feaver (56)  
*Barham Crematorium*
- 28 Jun John Amott Johnson (65)  
*Bobbing Crematorium*
- 02 Jul Phyllis Glenice Marsh (90)  
*Charing Crematorium*
- 12 Jul Nesbett Walter John Simmonds (94)  
*Barham Crematorium*
- 23 Jul James Weeks (86)  
*Charing Crematorium*

# Money for Trinity Chapel Roof

On 6 August St Mary's Tuesday Group's treasurer Pauline Vaughan presented a cheque for £500 to Peter Howard of the Restoration Appeal Fund. The money was given specifically for the repair and restoration of the Trinity Chapel roof.



The money was raised by holding silent auctions, book sales and from the membership fund.

The Tuesday group meet September to June usually fortnightly on a Tuesday. The venue can be either at a members home, the church or the Wine Vaults depending on what's happening that evening. We have talks given by various people, coffee evenings, silent auctions and an annual meal out.

If you are interested in joining please speak to Jane Shipman or Julia Frith.

If you would like more information on the following please complete this form.  
 I/We should like information on the following:- Please tick appropriate boxes:

Baptism preparation .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music Group .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirmation preparation .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concerts/Exhibitions in the Church .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weddings and Blessings .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Spire newsletters .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activities for children and young people .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	An opportunity to meet informally with a Member of the Visiting Team .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
please give age(s) of child(ren) .....		A visit from a Member of the Clergy .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership of the Choir .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>(Please complete details on reverse also)</i>	
Bellringing .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## Services for September 2012

Holy Communion (BCP) every Wednesday at 10.30 am

*There are opportunities for prayer ministry at all our Sunday 10.30 am services*

### 2nd September

9:00am Matins  
10.30am Parish Communion  
3:00pm Almshouses

### 9th September

9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Parish Communion

### 16th September

9:00am Holy Communion (Common Worship & hymns)  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6:30pm Choral Evensong

### 23rd September

9:00am Holy Communion (Common Worship & hymns)  
10.30am Deanery Confirmation at Teynham  
*(NB: No service at St Mary of Charity)*

### 30th September

9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Parish Communion

## Services for October 2012

Holy Communion (BCP) every Wednesday at 10.30 am

*There are opportunities for prayer ministry at all our Sunday 10.30 am services*

### 7th October

9:00am Matins  
10.30am Parish Communion  
3:00pm Almshouses

### 14th October

9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Parish Communion  
7:00pm Re:Fresh

### 21st October

9:00am Holy Communion (Common Worship & hymns)  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6:30pm Choral Evensong

### 28th October

9:00am Holy Communion (Common Worship & hymns)  
10.30am Parish Communion

## Services for November 2012

Holy Communion (BCP) every Wednesday at 10.30am

*There are opportunities for prayer ministry at all our Sunday 10.30 am services*

### 4th November

9:00am Matins  
10.30am Parish Communion  
3:00pm Almshouses

### 11th November Remembrance Sunday

9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.55am Act of Remembrance  
11.25am Service of Remembrance  
7:00pm Re:fresh

### 18th November

9:00am Holy Communion (Common Worship & hymns)  
10.30am Morning Worship  
*(no Choral Evensong because of Archbishop's farewell service at Cathedral, 3.15pm)*

### 25th November Christ the King

9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Parish Communion  
4:00pm Memorial Service



If you would like more information please complete this form (and overleaf) and hand it to a sidesman, member of clergy, welcomer or verger, or post to the church administrator. c/o The Vicarage, 16 Newton Road, Faversham ME13 8DY. Thank you.

Name: .....

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*Please be assured that this information will only be shared within the clergy/pastoral visiting team as appropriate and will be treated as confidential.*

## A Prayer To Share...

We praise you, Jesus Christ, for the communion of your Church.

Beyond all boundaries you gather us together.

Keep us all in your love and make us builders of your peace.