



Bewsborough Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for Barfreestone, Coldred, Guston, Eythorne & Elvington, Waldershare, Shepherdswell and Whitfield

Coming Up

Sun 29th Jun

10.30am | Parish Communion | St. Andrew's

Monday 30th June

10.00am | Let's Play | Elvington Community Ctr.

Tues 1st July

12.30pm | Let's Eat | Elvington Community Ctr.

Wed 2nd July

9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec. Pavilion

Thur 3rd July

11.30am | Informal Communion | SS Peter & Paul's

7.00pm | Small Group | Whitfield

Fri 4th July

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Village Hall

3.00pm | Summer Fest | Woodpecker Court

7.00pm | Alpha | The Vicarage, Whitfield

Sat 5th July

12.30pm | Wedding of Harriet & Will | St. Andrew's

2.00pm | Brass on the Grass | Mixton Mews, S/Well

3.00pm | Wedding of Louise & Simon | St. Nicholas'

Sun 6th July

9.00am | BCP Communion | St. Nicholas'

10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Andrew's

10.30am | Let's Worship | Whitfield Village Hall

6.00pm | BCP Communion | St. Martin's

New Date



Due to circumstances beyond our control, our summer Messy Church session will now be held on **13th July** and not the previously advertised date. We will meet at St Andrew's at 3pm and if the sun is shining and the rain stays away, we will enjoy our picnics outside. It's bring your own picnic but there will be drinks on hand.

Save the Dates



Deanery Roadshows

Monday 21st July

St. Mary's, Dover

Deanery Roadshows are a chance to gather together to find out more about work happening across our diocese.

The theme of this year's roadshows is 'The Next Steps to Growth' to fit in with our bold outcomes. Anyone is welcome to attend, so please do come and be encouraged.

The Roadshow will start with refreshments at 18:45 with the roadshow starting at 19:00 and finishing by 21:00

There will be a choice of three workshops:

- Generous Giving & Parish Support
- Leading your Church into Growth
- Children, Young People & Education: Welcoming the 'Quiet Revival'

further details to follow and information on signing up to the workshops.

HARVEST

Sunday 5th October

Following the 10.30 Harvest Festival service at St Andrew's on **Sunday 5th October** we are planning a Parish bring and share lunch at Shepherdswell Primary School where all will be welcome. Please bring a plate of food also plate, cutlery and glass as we have no washing up facilities at the school We will provide drinks

Keep in Touch



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Madagascar – Parish Link Update

After more than 30 years of faithful partnership, between St. Andrew's church, and key members of the worshipping community, as a parish we are moving forwards with officially formalising our mission links with our friends in Madagascar – a relationship that exemplifies Christian fellowship transcending borders and demonstrating how God works through unexpected connections.

These global mission links began when we welcomed Bishop Jaona as a theology student, followed by Rev Harisendra as a newly ordained minister attending courses at Canterbury. What started as simple hospitality - including the now-legendary curry evening fundraiser for Jaona's camera - has blossomed into profound spiritual friendships that have weathered decades.

Through visits, we've built unshakeable bonds with Rev Harisendra, Bishop Jaona, his wife Tantely, their son Marc and their extended community. Marc, who is our dedicated link person, has been instrumental in transporting theological books for their library and arranging logistics for various projects, becoming a bridge between our two communities.

This partnership has created tangible, life-changing impact. When a devastating cyclone destroyed Rev Harisendra's rectory, the St. Andrew's church community immediately responded—funding meals for volunteer builders who donated their labour using local materials. The follow-up New Year's Eve fundraiser then provided essential doors and windows to complete the reconstruction.

Most recently, we've supplied crucial educational training equipment shared across multiple educational sites, empowering countless students with learning opportunities. These projects showcase how small acts of faith create ripple effects of transformation.

Each donated book, every installed window, every meal provided represents far more than practical aid - it embodies prayers offered, love shared across continents, and spiritual connections that strengthen both communities. Our Madagascar partners have enriched our own faith journey immeasurably.

As we formalise these precious links, three exciting opportunities are available:

1 Sign up to a new Regular Giving Scheme: Join our committed monthly supporters providing consistent partnership funding. This reliable foundation enables long-term planning and sustained impact. To sign up use the Bewsborough Parish Bank details (below) using Ref: **MADAGASCAR-RG**

2 Donate to the Urgent Garden Project: Rev Harisendra's college faces an immediate need : £200 for 10 spades, 5 watering cans, and 2 wheelbarrows to establish vegetable gardens. This simple investment provides ongoing food security and teaches sustainable agriculture to future church leaders. If you would like to donate to this urgent requirement use the Bewsborough Parish Bank Details (below), with Ref: **GARDENPROJECT**

3 Enhanced Mission Support: Our PCC is prayerfully reviewing our overall financial support, considering how Gospel generosity should shape our giving. This reflects our growing commitment to our Madagascar family.

This formalisation opens extraordinary doors for enhanced collaboration, deeper cultural exchange, and more impactful mission work. We're not just supporting projects; we're nurturing a spiritual family.

As Jan Griffin has been a key part of the development and nurturing of the relationships, she will help coordinate our efforts locally, along with Marc, on the ground in Madagascar.

Finally, I would like to invite every parish member to celebrate this milestone and commit to praying for our Madagascar family as we embark on this thrilling new chapter. Together, we can demonstrate Christ's love in practical, powerful ways.

Contact Jan Griffin or Rev. Sean today if you have any questions or would like to know more.

Your involvement—whether through prayer, giving, or advocacy—makes an eternal difference in lives transformed by God's love.

BANK DETAILS FOR REGULAR GIVING OR CAMPAIGN DONATIONS:

Bewsborough PCC General Account

Account no: 89938307

Sort code: 09-01-51

REF: AS STATED ABOVE either MADAGASCAR-RG or GARDENPROJECT



Leading Your Church into Growth

The Leading your Church into Growth Prayer

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

"Leading your Church into Growth concentrates on the tried and tested - putting parish and people, evangelism and service front and centre. This is extraordinary help for ordinary churches."

- Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell

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For Our Prayers

Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who tend to them and show them love and care:

Tallulah, Michael, Pauline, Ian M, Mark, David B, Whitney, Tantely, Joyce C, Simisola Adedeji, Karen T, Janet B, Madge, Jill R, Ian, Marion G, Malcolm, Mike P, and Paul Adesanya.

Our prayers are with Jenny G. and her family at the death of their loved and cherished aunty, Elsie.

Please also pray for:

- All couples who are preparing for their marriages through the summer. That they would know the presence of Jesus in their busyness, rest, on and beyond their special day.
- For all children who are begin brought to baptism through the summer.
- For peace in the Middle-East, and that the situation between Israel and Iran would be resolved without further escalations.



**TIME IS
RUNNING
OUT!!**

We are still looking for help to enable us to supply all of our Year 6 primary school leavers a gift as they leave the school communities they have known for many years.

If you would like to buy a copy for a pupil, or make a larger financial donation to gift our local school leavers something which will equip them for the next few years then you can do so by sending your gift by bank transfer:

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Reference: BOOKS

If you would prefer to make a cash or cheque donation then please get in touch with Rev. Sean who can help with this.

Thank you!!

Signs of Life (pardon the pun!)



From new church signs to the flourishing of the oak sapling in the churchyard at St. Andrew's, signs that God is at work both in stirring practical works of service (thank you Graeme!), and in the joy of His creation blessings.



Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for July

Date	Location	Service
Thur 3rd July	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
Sat 5th July	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	12.30pm Wedding - Will and Harriet
	St. Nicholas, Barfrestone	3.00pm Wedding - Simon and Louise
6th July Green Trinity 3	St. Nicholas, Barfrestone	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Whitfield Village Hall	10.30am Let's Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm BCP Communion
Thur 10th July Green	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
13th July Green Trinity 4	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
		1.00pm Baptism of Zachary Orange
	Whitfield School, Mayfield Site	10.30am Let's Worship
Thur 17th July	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
20th July Green Trinity 5	St. Nicholas, Barfrestone	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
		3.00pm Messy Church
	St. Peter's, Whitfield	10.30am Family Communion
		1.00pm Baptism of Jacob Husk
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Evensong
Thur 24th July	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
Sat 26th July	St. Peter's, Whitfield	2.30pm Wedding - Christopher & Tina
27th July Green Trinity 6	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Morning Worship
		1.00pm Baptism of Sebastian Hill Chamberlain
	Whitfield School, Mayfield Site	10.30am Let's Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	1.00pm Baptism of Lily Tribe
Thur 31st July	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion



The Friends of St Andrews present

“Brass on the Grass”

At Mixton Mews, Shepherdswell (to the left of the school)

Saturday 5th July 2:00 for 2:30pm start

EYTHORNE SILVER BAND AND THE SWELL SINGERS



IN CONCERT with a RAFFLE DRAW – bring your chair and picnic basket

TICKETS £5 /adult from T42, or Mike Pascall 07762 014149, or on the gate

SUMMER FEST



Friday 4th July 2025
3pm to 5.30pm

WOODPECKER COURT, EYTHORNE, CT15 4BF

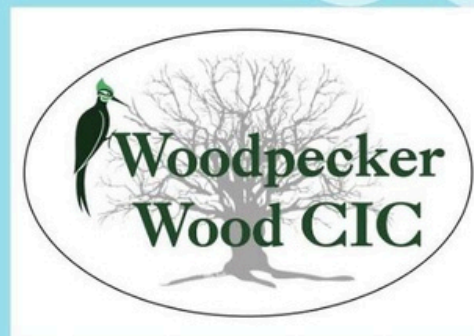
FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

bouncy castle
goat petting
crafts
performances
traditional fair games
dog show
community stalls
and much more!



Woodpecker Court



Only Disabled parking available at CT15 4AN
Please walk where possible and enter via the Woods
entrance

Second Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9:51–62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



Fruit of
the **Spirit**

evidence that God is at work in your life