

Upcoming dates for your diary (*details below*)

Music Sunday	Sun 14 th June	10am
Family Time Together	Sun 14 th June	3 - 4.30pm
Ladies Group – ask Diana or Cathy for details	Mon 15 th June	2pm
Archdeacon's Visitation, Canterbury Cathedral	Mon 15 th June	5.30pm
Fortnightly Midday Bible study group (& lunch after)	Wed 17 th June	12noon
Coffee & Cake: Tilly Green, mezzo soprano	Sat 20 th June	10.15 for 11am

Music Sunday, 14th June

A message from our organist, Peter Thomas:

Each year, the Royal School of Church Music designates one of the Sundays in June as 'Music Sunday' – a Sunday when churches are encouraged to highlight the role of music in Christian worship. The music chosen on June 14th is our response. As well as congregational hymns which celebrate music, during communion the choir will sing Psalm 98 ('Sing to the Lord a new song') set to an Anglican chant by Barry Ferguson (a former organist of Rochester Cathedral).

Thanksgiving for the Marriage

We are happy to join with Pippa and Philip in giving thanks for their marriage during a special part of the Communion Service on 14th June. Pippa and Philip will be giving thanks to God, recalling their wedding vows and the exchange of rings they made twenty years ago. We join with them in praying for God's continued blessing on their marriage in the years to come.

Family Time Together - Churchyard nature count!

Help us to identify all the animals, birds, insects and plants that we can find in our churchyard, as part of the National 'Churches Count on Nature' week. There will also be our usual bible video, song and lots of craft activities and cake. For primary school-age children and their parent/carer, why not invite some friends from school? **3pm on Sunday 14th June.**

Rev Andrew will be on a residential training course from 8th to 12th June organised by Canterbury Diocese on '*The Minister as Leader*'. Please pray for him and all the other ministers on this course.

Midday Bible Study Group Wednesday 17th June at 12noon.

Join us as we start a fortnightly Midday Bible Study group studying the **Gospel of St Mark**, led by Gerry and John Willis. This will be followed by a simple soup lunch for those who can stay. Speak to Gerry & John for more information.

Archdeacon's Visitation: service for Admission of Churchwardens

Please come to this special service of Evensong, to support and pray for Matt and Laura as they are admitted to the office of churchwarden. Please contact Rev Andrew if you would like a lift.

Mon 15th June 5.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral

Coffee & Cake concert

This month's concert features renowned performer & recording artist **mezzo soprano Tilly Green**. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear her perform in our church. She will be singing a range of pieces: *"... from Handel to Horowitz - a journey through longing, ecstasy, wit and seduction in which devotion gives way to desire, bliss to satire, and self-examination to melodrama."* Who could resist such an invitation?

More details about Tilly and what she will perform can be found on the poster.

Saturday 20th June from 10.15am for coffee & cake with the concert beginning at 11am.

Refugee Week – Canterbury Cathedral

*"For refugees around the world, **courage** is often a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, navigate unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world. At a time when some seek to divide and blame, Refugee Week 2026 calls us to **come together and share the courage to welcome, to stand for what we believe in, and to celebrate culture and community** - to be joyful, imagine new possibilities, dream, heal, and connect. At Canterbury Cathedral, we will be marking this Week with hourly prayers for refugees, a designated Chapel in the Cathedral, and two special services of Eucharist."* **Mon 15 - Sun 21 June more details via QR**



Collects and readings

Sun 7th June: Family Praise service

O God,
the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Matthew 9: 9-13 & 18-26

Sun 14th June: Family Communion

Lord, you have taught us that
all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives
is counted dead before you.

Grant this for
your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

Sun 21st June

Romans 6:1b-11 & Matthew 10:24-39

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