

Upcoming dates for your diary

Family Time Together	Sun 13 th Sept	3-4.30pm
Wednesday Bible study restarts	Wed 16 th Sept	12noon
Eco Conference 2026 – Rochester Cathedral	Sat 19 th Sept	9.30 – 1pm
Coffee and Cake Concert	Sat 19 th Sept	10:15am
Celebration of Baptism, Tea	Sun 20 th Sept	3pm
Ladies Group	Mon 21 st Sept	2.00pm
Harvest Festival	Sun 4 th Oct	10am
Harvest Supper	Mon 5 th Oct	7pm
'Bygone Chartham' exhibition (in St Mary's)	Sat & Sun Oct 24-25 th	
Confirmation Service in Canterbury Cathedral	Sat 7 th Nov	11.00am
Church Pantomime – "A lad in a manger"	Sat & Sun Dec 12-13 th	Afternoon

Coffee & Cake concert

Our monthly concert series restarts on Saturday 19th Sept with a performance by Emily Renshaw-Kidd, and accompanied by pianist Helen Crayord who has entertained us so wonderfully on previous occasions.

*"Join us for a varied programme spanning the centuries and culminating in a light-hearted and humorous look at life with composers such as **Flanders & Swann** and **Tom Lehrer**".*

Be sure to join us for what is bound to be a wonderful concert to launch the new season.

Harvest Festival service on Sunday 4th October: Can you help us decorate our church with pumpkins, gourds, fruit and vegetables? Please contact Genista if you can help and bring them along to church before 10.30am on Friday 2nd October.

We will also be collecting donations of food on the Sunday to give to our local food banks - Thank you for your help.

Harvest Supper – Monday 5th Oct @ 7pm in St Mary's Church

Our annual Harvest Supper is coming up, and **EVERYBODY is welcome**. We'll be having a 2-course meal with Fish & Chips (or Sausage/Chicken & Chips) as well as dessert. Tickets £15 to include all food - bring your own drinks.

Please contact Tim Kidd on 07725 316617 or tim@timkidd.com. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Ladies Group

Our meeting on **Monday 21st September** at St. Mary's Church @ 2.00pm, will have a guest speaker from **Kent Fire & Rescue Service** telling us about safety in the home. On this occasion the meeting will be an open meeting for all local people to attend. Everybody is welcome. **Diana Withers**

Pantomime rehearsals:

Please could all those cast in the pantomime make every effort to attend rehearsals. Next rehearsals are in church on Monday 14th September, Monday 21st September, Monday 28th Sept. We will work on scenes across the play depending on who is able to be at rehearsal. The more rehearsals you can get to the more confident you will be for the performance.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 14th. **Louisa Waters**

Wednesday Bible study

Our Wednesday Bible Study will recommence on **September 16th at 12 noon**, when we will continue our study of St Mark's gospel. **Gerry & John Willis**

Request for beds for Afghan refugees

Beds are needed for one of our Afghan families who are moving home. If you have a spare bed – double/single, just bases/mattresses - all welcome. David Chadwick d.w.chadwick@truetrust.co.uk

Eco Conference 2026 “Think Global Act Local”

“We’re delighted to host this joint conference with **Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses at Rochester Cathedral**, exploring how our local actions shape the global climate. “Expect inspiring talks and practical workshops on sustainable floristry, church hospitality, and tools to improve energy efficiency. “Young people will help lead the day, with plenty of opportunities to connect and share ideas.” **Sat 19th Sept 9.30am–1pm**. Full details via QR code.



'Bygone Chartham' exhibition 24-25th October: *We are hosting a special exhibition from the Chartham Archives and are looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors with refreshments and cake (all proceeds in support of St Mary's Church). Please save the date and contact Rev Andrew if you can help.*

Collects and readings

Sun 13th Sept: Holy Communion

God, who in generous mercy
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church
in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
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.

Exodus 14:19-31, Matthew 18:21-35

Sun 20th Sept: Morning Service

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully
to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and
know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 20:1-16

Sun 27th Sept:

Exodus 17:1-7, Matthew 21: 23-32

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