

St Mary's Stelling NEWSLETTER

"Kent's most extraordinary Parish Church"



February 2018

Welcome!

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (14th February), and is when we reflect on the 40 days which Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. Lent is a solemn time for Christians, which allows us to consider the disciplines and demands of our faith.

Services for February

4 th	Holy Communion	Revd Thomas Collett-White
11 th	Morning Worship	Richard & Janet
18 th	Holy Communion	Revd Phil Brown
25 th	Morning Worship	Nick Hunt

Lent House-Group

Julia is running a six-week Lent course at home (Oakgate House, Manns Hill, Bossingham) starting on Monday 19th February (7.30-9.00pm). Each session will be an informal discussion, with the aims of refreshing and encouraging our faith, by looking at the opportunities to learn from Mark's Gospel.

This group is a great opportunity to enjoy and develop our fellowship whilst learning from each other's experiences. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Julia on 709635 or by email if you haven't already responded to this invitation.

Table-Top Sale

We are having a table-top sale on Saturday 24th February (setting-up from 9am, selling from 10am) at Stelling Minnis Village Hall. Tables are £6 each, £10 per car boot, and there will be cake and refreshments. Money raised will go to support the mission and ministry of Stelling Church. Please come along and encourage your friends and neighbours to

support this event. Contact Olivia (709233) for bookings or more information.

Ceiling Repairs

The ceiling repairs needed following the plaster fall are on-going, as you well know from the continuing presence of the scaffolding! All the necessary old plaster has now been removed, Some of the timber laths have now been replaced, and repair plaster coats are being applied. Three coats are needed, and each coat takes time to cure, so the scaffolding will be with for a little while yet.

Home Insurance offer

I have mentioned before that our Church Insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurance, have offered to donate £130 directly to our funds for every home insurance policy taken out with them by members of our congregation. They have extended this offer to 31st December 2018. To take advantage, please visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130, or call 0800 783 0130 and quote TRUST 130. Full details are attached. No obligation of course, but no harm in getting a quote when your home insurance comes due during the next 12 months.

Prayer Corner

Lord, I know how much you love me.
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes,
but I know your love is always with me.
Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions.
I am weak, but I know with your help,
I can use these small sacrifices in my life to
draw closer to you. Amen.

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Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Please bring them your healing, your peace in their pain, your strength in their weakness, and your comfort in their sadness. Amen.

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