

# St Mary's Stelling NEWSLETTER

"Kent's most extraordinary Parish Church"



June 2018

## Love Is All You Need!

Aside from Meghan Markle's dress, perhaps the most talked about feature of the Royal Wedding was the sermon by Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church in the USA. His powerful message of love was heard by around 2 billion people. How about his brilliant and memorable paraphrase of Jesus' teaching? 'Love God. Love your neighbours. And while you're at it, love yourself.' Wow!

## Services for June

3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Worship Rev'd Chris Duncan  
10<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship Malcolm Trotter  
17<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion Rev'd Phil Brown  
24<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship Geoff Wright

## Diocese Matters

The joint PCC of Upper Hardres and Stelling has requested a meeting with Archdeacon Jo Kelly-Moore and the Diocesan Secretary Julian Hills to discuss our concerns over the structure and level of our parish share commitments. We are striving to agree an affordable and sustainable arrangement, which in turn will allow us to fulfil our ministry and mission in the local community. The meeting is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> June, and I will keep you posted.

## Home Group

The Home Group met last week, and again was well-attended and valued. A strong bond of love and trust is building as a Church family, and relationships continue to grow as we share and learn from each other's thoughts and experiences. We continued the themes of hope and faith-sharing, and explored the challenging and sensitive topic of Suffering. We ended

the evening together with a brief time of worship.

Encouragingly, the Group is very keen to continue meeting together, and the next meeting will be at our home Oakgate House at 7.30pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. To further try to help explain and understand our faith, the Group would like to take on another huge and challenging question - so we will explore the question: 'What's the use of praying?' If you wish, please bring along a related prayer or reading which has a particular meaning for you and your faith. All are welcome; if you are interested in finding out more, please call Julia or myself on 709635.

## Windmill Fete



The Windmill Fete is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June (12-5pm), and Stelling Church will have as stall as usual, selling cakes, jams, plants, bric-a-brac, etc. This is an important fund-

raising event for us, and of course linked to the school, so please do all you can to help. Please contact Ros Browne (709263) for details and offers of help.

## Prayer Corner

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.

Calm me, Lord as You calm the storm.  
Still me, Lord, keep me from harm.

Verse for the Month: **So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings.**

Matthew 6: 34

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