

# St Mary's Stelling NEWSLETTER

"Kent's most extraordinary Parish Church"



September 2017

## Welcome!

.....to this month's Newsletter. I hope you have had a great Summer break, and feel renewed and refreshed. As September dawns, there are definite signs of Autumn in the fields and gardens, the children go back to school, and Christmas crackers can be found in the shops!

## Services for September

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	Revd Chris Duncan
10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	David & Jo
17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Revd Phil Brown
24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	Ros & Pam

## Dates for your Diary

**'Ride & Stride' - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.** Please sponsor David Chapman (if you have not already done so) to cycle from Tonbridge back to Stelling, calling at many churches on the way. Money raised will be shared between The Friends of Kent Churches and Stelling Church.

**Afternoon Tea-Party - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September (3.30-5.00pm)** @ Olivia's, Cherry Garden Farm.

**Harvest Lunch** @ Bossingham Village Hall. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October (1pm).

**Sponsored Sleep-Out** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (6.30pm) to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October (9.00am).

## Sponsored Sleep-Out!

The organisation of the Sleep-Out at Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October is well underway. The idea is to enable adults and children to have a brief experience of what it is like to be homeless, and at the same time to support Catching Lives and Stelling Church.

Attached to this Newsletter are the publicity poster, which you will see displayed locally, and a Sponsorship form including information for participants. There are also some Sponsorship forms at the back of the Church which you can use. We hope to include the

school, the local community, and of course local Churches. Please support this event in any way you can by either:

- Sleeping-out yourself and getting sponsors (please let us know if you are).
- Sponsoring someone who is sleeping-out, and encouraging friends and neighbours to do the same.
- Attending the Worship time in Church on Friday evening (8.30pm).
- Helping with soup and bread in the evening and/or breakfast in the morning.

If you would like to know more, or to help, please let me or Julia know (709635).

## Home Insurance offer

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 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Full details are attached, and to take advantage of this offer, visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130), or call 0800 783 0130 and quote TRUST 130. No obligation of course, but no harm in getting a quote when your home insurance comes due during the next 12 months.

## Prayer Corner

Loving Father, we pray for all who are in any way troubled at this time, and especially for those known to us.

Give relief to those in pain, friendship to those who are alone, support to those who are homeless, reassurance to those in distress of mind. And may our love be so strong that seeing need we may never pass by on the other side.

Lord, we ask for your guidance and vision for The Way Forward for your church here in

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Stelling, and ask you to call each of us out of the boat to our own role within it, and to walk on the water for your glory. Amen.

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