



On 30th June, being the 5th Sunday of the month, we have a United Benefice Communion at 10:30 at Wormshill. We also have a combined Choral Evensong at 6.30pm at Rodmersham in celebration of the reopening of the lady chapel following restoration work. Evensong happens regularly around the benefice, so whether you're reading this before or after the event it presents an opportunity to say something about this ancient, traditional service.

Evensong normally takes place every week at Tunstall and once a month at Frinsted, Milstead and during BST at Wormshill. It offers a peaceful, meditative end to the weekend and even the prominent atheist Richard Dawkins is quoted as saying. "I have a certain love for Evensong"

The service begins with a time of self-reflection, bringing our shortcomings before God and receiving cleansing as Christ promised. As further preparation for worship we say the Lord's Prayer, including the familiar ending ('for thine is the kingdom...')

At that point the minister bids the people to praise God: they respond, "The Lord's Name be praised!" Together we read from the Old Testament Book of Psalms - a very human collection of hymns and prayers that capture every mood or situation, even in today's world. To acknowledge our New Testament perspective we end the chosen psalm with Christian words of praise.

The role of Evensong is to outline God's plan of salvation and we continue with a passage from the Old Testament. Viewing the world from a Christian standpoint, this can be hard to make sense of but its purpose is to show God preparing the way for the coming of Christ. It also enables us to empathise with the ancient Hebrews who could not have seen the world as we do.

We then sing the Magnificat – the Song Mary sang to her relative Elizabeth before Jesus was born, linking the Old and New Testaments and celebrating God coming to live among us, bringing his light into the world.

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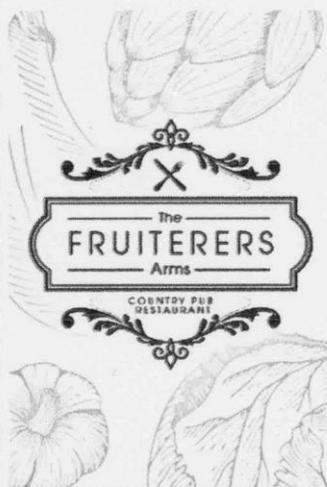
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After this a passage from the New Testament is read, which tells us about Christ's life on earth, or the ways his Spirit worked among the first disciples. Then, with our minds focussed on Christ, we join the elderly priest Simeon in his hymn of praise with the Nunc Dimittis: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace." God had promised Simeon he would not die until he had personally seen the Saviour: now that he had, his life was complete, though we don't know how long he lived after that!

Having confessed our sins, journeyed from Old Testament to New and given thanks for the coming of Christ, we now stand and recite the Creed together, which summarises where we've got to. Traditionally we all face East.

In case our minds have started to drift, the minister calls us back with the words: 'The Lord be with you,' to which the congregation responds, 'and with thy spirit.' Then, curiously, we recite the Lord's Prayer a second time but without the words of praise at the end, so the prayer ends with 'deliver us from evil.' We continue with sung verses, responses, prayers and expressions of goodwill among minister and people. In this final section we say the Collect for the day – this aligns our Evening Prayer with morning Communion, so bringing all God's people together.

Evensong attracts a small but stable congregation: it usually lasts around 35 – 40 minutes and if you've never tried it I recommend coming along, at least once. We'd love to see you!

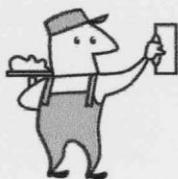
I hope you all have a relaxed and enjoyable summer.

Rev. Alan

(In putting this together I have drawn some reflections from 'Evensong Explained' - W K Lowther Clarke anglicanhistory.org)

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Services throughout the Benefice during July, 2019

Sunday 7th July - 3rd after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Tunstall
9.30am	All-Age Communion	Tunstall
10.30am	Family Service	Wormshill
11.15am	Parish Communion	Bredgar
4.00pm	Café Tunstall	Tunstall
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Frinted
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Tunstall

Sunday 14th July - 4th after Trinity - Sea Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Tunstall
9.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Frinted
9.30am	Sea Sunday Parade Service	Tunstall
10.30am	Morning Prayer	Bredgar
10.30am	Matins	Wormshill
10.30am	Family Service	Milstead
11.15am	Parish Communion	Rodmersham
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Tunstall

Wednesday, 17th July

7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Tunstall
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Sunday, 21st July - 5th after Trinity

8:00am	Holy Communion (said)	Tunstall
9.00am	Holy Communion	Milstead
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tunstall
10.30am	St James - Patronal Communion	Bicknor
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Wormshill
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Tunstall

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Sunday, 28th July - 6th after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Tunstall
9.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Wormshill
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tunstall
10.30am	Mary Magdalene - ExCiTe all age <i>lay led worship</i>	Bredgar
11.15am	Morning prayer	Rodmersham
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Milstead
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Tunstall

Entries in the Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

June 15 th	Paul Gostling & Abigail Staker	Tunstall
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Funerals & Burial of Ashes

May 28 th	Eileen Blundell	Cremation	(late of Tunstall)
May 28 th	Rosie Lintott	Funeral	Tunstall
June 3 rd	Jim Horrocks	Burial of Ashes	Tunstall

Tunstall Mothers' Union



Our speaker on June 19th is Margaret Horwood who until recently was the Deputy President. She will be talking about her Mothers Union journey. There will be the usual communion service at 7.00pm prior to our meeting. I do hope to see you all there.

Preparations for the 'Away From It All' holiday are now well advanced and fundraising is in full swing. We are once again asking people to fill Smartie tubes. If you would like to take part in this please collect a full tube of Smarties from the back of the church and return it filled with money. The Smartie tubes need to be handed to me by the end of July.

We will be taking thirteen families to Lodge Hill for a week's holiday in August. Two families who were not able to take part in this holiday have been offered a caravan break of four nights. Another family was offered a theatre evening at the Hazlitt.



**Tunstall
Mothers Union
Coffee Morning
Wednesday 26th June
10am -12pm
3 Woodstock Road**

We will be having a coffee morning on Wednesday 26th June at 3 Woodstock Road between 10.00 – 12.00.

Donations of cakes and items for the tombola would be most welcome.

Our final meeting before the summer break will be afternoon tea at the 'Nest' in Chaucer Road.

Our autumn programme will begin on **18th September**. We will be welcoming a new member to our group on this day. Our visitor and speaker will be our new archdeaconry president Sally Phillips.

Sue Thomas – Branch Leader



Christian Aid

I would like to say a big thank you to all our collectors, we covered all the roads we were allocated. Paul and Lou Fosbraey did a splendid job organizing the collection for Rodmersham. They worked so hard as they only had one other offer of help. The final total raised was £846.81 from Tunstall and £240.38 from Rodmersham.

Sue Thomas



Tunstall Friends' & Church Coffee Morning Saturday 13th July 12 noon – 2pm Grove End Farm

We are delighted to say we will be holding a coffee morning on **Saturday 13th July**, from 12 noon until 2 pm. at Grove End Farm.

Pauline Panton has kindly offered her garden to hold this event which will include refreshments, a cake stand, raffle and bric-a-brac most of which has been donated by Julie and Ricky Lumley-Webb who regrettably will be leaving the village on 21st June 2019.

The proceeds from this event will be divided between The Friends of Tunstall Church and the Church Roof Fund. Please come and support us in this nostalgic event as many of you will remember the wonderful coffee mornings that for many years Pauline held in her garden. All we need now is your company and good weather.

If anyone is willing to help in any way, for example making a cake or donating plants – offers would be most gratefully received – please speak to me or to Pauline.

Patricia Richards Church Warden.



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The children's party is kindly sponsored by Tunstall Parish Council, and tickets are free of charge.

From 6pm, there will be a hog roast, steel band and a licensed bar.

Tickets for the evening are £15.00 per head, which includes food.

To book tickets for either event, please contact Pauline on 472218, Gordon on 477774 or Brian on 484182.



Tunstall Phil the Bag

The May Phil the Bag collection raised **£143.50** with a weight of 410 kg. Our thanks go to everyone who “Philled” bags.

As this was our final collection we can report that between May 2010 and May 2019 the total raised for the fabric fund is **£3,741.30**. Congratulations to all.



Marilyn and Keith

This astonishing, final total is all credit to Marilyn and Keith who have encouraged us all to ‘Phil the Bags’ at least twice a year. Thank you both for this amazing total.

QUODLIBET, 19th MAY 2019

About 60 people enjoyed A ‘Musical Box of Delights’ thanks to Quodlibet of Canterbury.

Quodlibet are a 5 piece a Capella group who sang music by, amongst others, Henry Purcell, Cole Porter, Vaughan Williams along with some traditional pieces including ‘Scarborough Fair’ and ‘Just as the tide was flowing’.



Sincere thanks to Quodlibet, all of those who helped with refreshments, Liz Stevens for her sterling work in selling tickets and to all of you who supported the Concert.

We shared the takings for the evening with Quodlibet, so the Church Funds benefitted to the tune of just over £300.

In case you were wondering - as I was – in musical terms, Quodlibet means ‘what you will’.

John Slate

News from Tunstall School

Last week, Year 3 went on a summer visit to Shorne Woods Country Park. We had a great time exploring through the woods and different areas of the park and whilst doing so, found some wonderful sculptures and trim trails. Although somewhat challenging, the playground area was good fun and next to it, there was an area for making dens with logs and sticks.



With the assistance of the Park Ranger, we completed an Art Naturally activity which involved creating art from natural materials. The Ranger showed pictures of Andy Goldsworthy art, some of which we recognised as we had seen them at school. We ventured into a part of the woods which we turned into a gallery using the materials found in the area

and some given to us by the ranger. We thoroughly enjoyed this and by the end of the visit, we had made sculptures and pictures using sticks, leaves, pine cones, string, wood, slices etc. We managed to produce some very creative artwork which we were able to share both in class and on display in our school. After creating our pictures and sculpture, we made leaf prints on calico to bring home. An exhausting, but enjoyable day was had by all.



This week we have been celebrating Book Week. Many of us came to school dressed as an adjective and we even had teachers dressed as the Spice Girls, Sporty, Scary, Baby, Ginger and Posh! There have been many events including a Spoken English competition, a Gruffalo competition, an outdoor reading quiz, book sharing visits and workshops led by local authors. There has also been opportunity to purchase new books at the Book Fair.

Just another normal week in the life of a Tunstall child!

Article by Green BL Class and Mrs Julier

Rodmersham Ringers St Nicolas
1st Annual Tower day (Saturday 18th May)

The Rodmersham ringers banded together with family support to open the church and tower to showcase their hobby. It was a day full of good cheer. Over 50 people of all ages attended and were treated to a feast of good food and entertainment.

Glynis (our latest recruit) tried her hand on the ringing simulator as did many of our visitors, with varying degrees of success. (This is a small wheel that connects to the computer but rung in a similar way to the real thing).



We believe this to be a tower first in the County

Our esteemed captain and trainer (Jim) spent his time escorting groups of people to the 3 tower sections.

The roof: To take in the vista

The belfry: To see bells in their rested and ringing positions

The ringing chamber: Where some had a go on back stroke



While all this was going on there was a little entertainment on the handbells, a display of ringing books, video of the centenary ring, model of the new mini training simulator ring of 6, cooked food, drinks, but above all buckets full of enthusiasm and good cheer

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Nature Notes, June 2019.

One thing that is for sure is how quickly things have grown during May and June. The grass on our lawn has not stopped growing and not just that, stinging nettles as well! Anyway, the hedgerows and roadside verges have sprouted out with wild roses and cow parsley almost like a scene from Jack and the Beanstalk. The blue tits have successfully fledged from the nest box on the side of our aviary and we have had young blackbirds, starlings and goldfinches in our garden as well.



Butterflies have been on the wing around the old school field and in the churchyard; speckled wood (as of previous years) have been particularly numerous.

The swifts have returned to the Northwood Drive/ Bell Road area as well as the Bell Road/ East Street junction and also the Holy Trinity Church/ Dover Street area. It is always nice to see the swifts back again but unfortunately I have only seen a few sightings of swallows around the village this year.

I went on an early morning bird walk at Bedgebury during May and a small mammal walk the following day. On the bird walk we saw a really nice male bullfinch (not so often seen these days) as well as several wrens and a little grebe with chicks on the lake in front of the café). Altogether we saw twenty seven species.

On the small mammal walk we saw several wood mice and a yellow necked mouse; these were all caught in what is known as a Longworth trap which is constructed out of square section metal tubing that contains a flap that shuts when triggered and contains a little dried grass and some food as well. The mice were tipped into a clear plastic bag so that we could see them and then released back into the undergrowth from where the trap was secreted. Sometimes they do catch the odd weasel and the odd shrew. In the case of shrews, the trap has a small hole in which they can escape but it has to be checked at least every two hours as they may not survive any longer that this and you need a special licence to trap them.

By the time you get this magazine the longest day will have passed and the daylight hours will gradually decrease. How quickly the time goes by in the world of nature.

More next time - Richard and Margaret



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Tunstall Evening WI report - June



In June we welcomed Mrs Tsuyoko Page as our speaker. She has lived in the UK for a long time but as a young woman she trained in the art of Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging. Using just a few flowers and a little greenery she demonstrated eight different arrangements. The ladies of Tunstall Evening WI have never been so quiet as we watched the flower arrangements taking shape with amazement that a such lovely effect could be achieved with so few flowers.

As we have no formal meeting in August we have traditionally met up for a meal so numbers were taken of those interested to see if there are enough of us to go to The Woodstock Club. We need at least 20 of us but it is rarely a problem hitting that number when food is on offer!

We meet in Tunstall Village hall on the second Thursday of the month (except August) at 7:45 pm. Visitors and new members are always made welcome. The speaker for July is from The Air Ambulance.

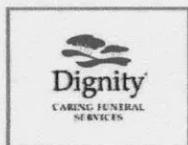
Jay Collins

Peter's Gardening Advice



As I write these notes, I am watching the rain falling so fast that it is causing my lawn to flood. In the years that I have lived here, I've never seen my lawn actually flood before. It has been reported that a month's supply of rain is predicted to fall today and that the temperatures are more the average for January or February rather than June. By the time you read this, the unusual rainfall should be a distant memory – the jet stream causing this chaos having moved on allowing us to once again get into the garden and get busy.

July, and the main task as always is watering. Yes, even after all that rain in June! Hanging basket and container plants are reliant on us for their water supply and in the warm days of July may need watering even twice a day. A



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Regular dead heading of bedding and perennial plants will help to prevent seed production and encourage a longer flowering season. Perennials that have finished flowering such as hardy geraniums and delphiniums can be cut back hard and fed with a liquid plant food to encourage new growth and a further flush of flowers.

Early summer flowering shrubs such as Weigela and Philadelphus can be pruned once they have finished flowering. These flower on wood produced in the previous year. If they are pruned after flowering this gives sufficient time for them to grow and produce wood that will ripen to produce flowers the following year.

Deciduous magnolias can also be pruned at the end of July. This reduces the amount of bleeding suffered by the plants and allows any cut wood to harden sufficiently before the harsh winter weather sets in.

July is the traditional month for the propagation of perennials and biennials from seed. Campanulas, aquilegia and delphiniums can all be sown now. Foxgloves, sweet Williams and Canterbury bells can also be sown now to provide colour the following year.

Hardy annuals that are in the garden will start to produce seed pods and the seed can be collected from these now. Calendula, poppy and love in a mist are all reliable plants to collect seed from. Store the seed in brown paper bags in an airtight container until it is required.

Try taking cuttings of hanging basket and container plants. Take a soft, non-flowering tip cutting just over an inch long, stripping off the lower leaves and put around the edge of a pot filled with a half sand and half peat mix. Use the top of an old plastic lemonade bottle to create a mini propagator and place in a warm yet shady place. They should root in a couple of weeks and it's so satisfying to root plants that are particular favourites and to give these cuttings to your family and friends.

July is the last chance to apply a high nitrogen feed to your lawn. Nitrogen encourages lush green top growth; raise the height of cut on your mower to keep the sward longer as this is better at withstanding drought conditions.

Continue to hand weed beds and borders, letting weeds shrivel in the heat of the sun.

Make the most of the fine July weather (fingers crossed- it's still raining outside here!) as the shorter days are just around the corner – it's frightening to think that we are already more than half way through this year.

Happy gardening.

Peter Forster

Please note..... August/September magazine

The next magazine will be a joint August/September magazine which I will collate in mid-July.

I will send out my usual reminder just before the deadline of 12th each month but would ask you please to think about events that need flagging up that will be happening in

September so that you can send that information to me in July! It might be useful to start putting dates for Christmas Fairs, Christmas Tree Festival etc. in the September issue but I will need the material in July

Thank you for your help.



Rosemary

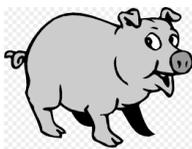
Deadline dates for magazines

July 12th

items for the August/September magazine

St Nicholas Rodmersham

Saturday 6th July – the Hog Roast in the garden at Orsett House. We are as always grateful to Deidre and Anthony Birch for opening their garden for this event. Tickets at £12 are available from Deidre. This is an extremely popular event with numbers limited to 60 so tickets go very quickly. You have been warned!



John Fisher



A Date for your Diary
Harvest Supper, 3 – 5.30 pm
Sunday 6th October 2019

This year's Harvest Supper celebrations will take the form of an Afternoon Tea and is being held from 3 – 5.30 pm on Sunday 6th October in Tunstall Memorial Village Hall.

We are working on what form the Afternoon Tea will take, but perhaps I could suggest that if you have an interesting hat, you might want to dust it down. More details in due course.

John Slate

A promotional poster for LEAF Open Farm Sunday. The background is a black and white photograph of a cherry orchard. At the top, there are logos for LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) and Open Farm Sunday (www.farmsunday.org). The main text reads: "LEAF Open Farm Sunday", "7th July 2019", "At Hempstead Farm", and "1.30 to 4.30pm". Below this, it says "Come and celebrate our cherry harvest—Entrance is free". A list of activities follows: "Tractor and trailer rides in the Orchards.", "Static Farm Machinery Display.", "Refreshments Competitions and prizes to be won.", and "Farm Produce for sale - Collections for local charity". At the bottom left is the Blackbird Farming logo, which features a blackbird on a branch. At the bottom right, the address "Hempstead Lane, Sittingbourne ME9 9BH" and website "blackbirdfarming.co.uk" are provided.

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Dorset Apple Cake

An apple cake recipe made with fresh Bramley apples and lemon juice and zest. Serve with clotted cream.

225g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
450g Bramley apples
Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
225g caster sugar, plus extra for dredging
3 large eggs
225g self-raising flour
2 tsp baking powder
25g ground almonds
1 tbs demerara sugar



- Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan160°C/gas 4. Grease a deep 23-24cm springform cake tin and line with baking paper. Peel, core and cut the apples into 1cm pieces, and toss with the lemon juice.
- Using an electric hand whisk, cream together the butter, caster sugar and lemon zest in a bowl until pale and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, 1 at a time, adding a little flour with each addition to keep the mixture smooth.
- Sift the remaining flour and the baking powder into the bowl and fold in with the ground almonds. Drain the apple pieces well, then stir into the mixture.
- Spoon into the prepared cake tin, lightly level the top and sprinkle with the demerara sugar. Bake in the oven for 1 hour or until well-risen, brown and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. If the cake starts to look a little too brown, cover with a sheet of baking paper after about 45 minutes.
- Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes. Remove the cake from the tin and place on a serving plate. Dredge heavily with the extra caster sugar. Cut the cake into generous wedges and serve warm with a spoonful of clotted cream, if you like.