

Dover Town Team Ministry

News from across our churches

MAY 2024



We have just had a beautiful **Holy Week & Easter period** – which was the second Benefice wide **Travelling Together, Travelling Independently** – a time in which each church honoured their own style and number of Holy Week services – but also a time when we attended services across the benefice, supporting each other both spiritually and numerically. In particular, cross-Benefice attendance at the Charlton Stations of the Cross (Photo: top left), St Martin's beautiful Agape (Photo: 2nd from left) and St Mary's Tenebrae Service (Photo: 3rd from left) this year was well attended by the Benefice and was a new take on the Tenebrae service put together by new Director of Music Jake Convery. We loved the Timpani!

I am current Chair of the bi-monthly **Benefice Forum**. The last meeting was held at St Andrews (Photo: top right) and was an **review of the last 3 years 'Interim period'** led by the Archdeacon of Maidstone. It seemed to go very well and made me think how far we have come. This year saw a very successful **Annual Benefice Service** on the sea front, the first for some time which was well attended and collectively peacefully put together across the team led by two lay members from different church traditions. The practice of Churchwardens reporting back at each meeting means that all know what is going on and **cross fertilization and links happen in an organic way**. A new **Benefice Logo** is being created – as Guston parish have moved to Bewsborough leaving a clearer sense of **4 town churches with coastal urban remit**. Revd Melissa has very successfully piloted **Bubble Church** at Charlton Church with a cross-benefice team and this will roll out across the Benefice over time.

This will be my last article as I leave the Dover Benefice on 9 June as my Interim period draws to a close. **We have come immensely far together, and I give you all much thanks.** A new Team Vicar and Team Rector are on their way! I will not be that far away – and hope you will visit me in Ramsgate when you find yourself in that direction. **This is an invite to you all to my Licensing there which is 7pm Weds 10 July at St Laurence Church Thanet.**

In Christ – Revd Catherine

The next Benefice Forum is on Tuesday 4th June, 7pm for 7.30pm-9pm at St Martins, future dates: 6th August at Charlton, 1st at St Marys, 3rd December at St Andrews.

Through the week across our Churches

TUESDAYS

Meditation & Taize Chanting 9am-10am at **St Andrew's Buckland**

Little Adventurers 9am-12noon at **St Martin's Dover** come & go whenever suits with the little ones (term time)

CAMEO 2.30-3.30pm at **St Martin's Dover** Come And Meet Each Other! weekly except the 1st Tues of the month

WEDNESDAYS

Holy Communion – 10-10.45am at **St Mary's** with chat & refreshments afterwards

St Andrew's Alive! 4.30-5.30pm at **St Andrew's Buckland** well-being activity group

THURSDAYS

Said Eucharist – 9.30am at **Charlton**

FRIDAYS

Little Lambs – 9.30-11.30am at **St Mary's**– age range is from birth up to starting primary school age

Service of the Litany - prayers and discussion on bible passage - 9.30am-10.30am at **Charlton Church**

St Mary's Little Shining Lights, St Mary's Parish centre, 12-1pm (term time) age range birth-school age. Bring a packed lunch, then enjoy children's Christian songs/craft/stories/prayers.

SATURDAYS

Local Global - 10am-11am prayers, reflection and discussion at **St Mary's Church**

Sunday Services across our Churches

A summary of the main Sunday services are shown below.

	St Mary the Virgin, Dover 10.45am	St Peter & St Paul Charlton 8am (HC) & 9.30am	St Martin, Dover 10.30am	St Andrew Buckland-in- Dover 10.30am
5 th	Holy Communion (Rev Catherine w Chris Scoble preaching)	8am (Fr Richard Woods) Parish Mass (Rev Richard Woods)	Explore service (local team) 6pm Connect service (local team)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Melissa)
12 th	Matins (Ant Shilson w Graham Snellin preaching)	8am (Rev Catherine) Parish Mass (Rev Catherine) & Family Service (Alistair Mackie & LAMB)	Holy Communion (Rev Melissa w Malcolm Gavin preaching)	Andy's Invite service (Nigel Collins)
19 th	Holy Communion (Rev Catherine)	8am (Rev Melissa) Parish Mass (Archdeacon Darren)	Morning Worship (Wendy Bowditch w Nigel Collins preaching)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Melissa) 12.15pm Baptism (Rev Melissa)
26 th	Family Communion (Rev Trish w Rev Melissa preaching) 1pm Baptism (Rev Catherine) 6pm Evensong & Supper (Rev Catherine w Rev Jeremy Law preaching)	8am (Rev Catherine w Richard Harman reflecting) Parish Mass (Rev Catherine w Richard Harman reflecting) 4pm Bubble Church (Rev Melissa & Team)	Morning Worship (Malcolm Gavin w Rev Catherine preaching) 1.30pm Baptism (Rev Melissa)	Morning Worship (Nigel Collins w Anne Collins reflecting)

Other News and Events across our Churches

Bubble Church

This takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month initially at Charlton church – if you'd like to find out more please contact Rev Melissa (rev.melissa.carter@gmail.com)

Charlton News & Events open to all:

Charlton hold regular **Bingo and American Supper** events – to receive details direct to your email box drop Chris Tyler a message and he'll add you to their mailing: chris.tyler8882@gmail.com

Charlton **Fine Arts Concerts** – the next event in the series is on 5th May, 3pm.

St Marys Events open to all:

Sun 26 May 6pm our 3rd **Evensong & Supper** with guest speaker Dean of Chapel Christchurch University Revd Jeremy Law.

Sat 1 June 10am-12noon **Rewilding and Clear Out**, 12noon-2pm **BBQ**.

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