

Dover Town Team Ministry

News from across our churches

JUNE 2024

June is a time of change. For the younger members of our congregations, it tends to mean exams, before the end of another academic year. For some this will mean going up a year, the transition from Primary to Secondary School, or, perhaps, the end of school before going into work or onto further education. As one door closes, another opens. Within the Dover Town Benefice there is also the sense of a door closing and another opening. The Benefice is in process of being signed off by the Diocese to enable the appointment of a Team Rector, while Rev. Catherine leaves later this month to go to begin her new ministry at The St Laurence-In-Thanel Benefice (Licensing Wednesday 10th July at 7pm). We wish her well and thank her for her hard work since her appointment as The Interim Team Rector.

The door opens with Rev. Melissa moving from St Martin's to Charlton and Buckland, with Rev. Claire being licensed at St Martin's in August. The individual Parochial Church Councils and the wider Benefice Forum have already got things moving regarding the appointment of a new Rector.

Please pray for Rev. Catherine, Rev. Melissa and Rev. Claire as they prepare for their new roles and for the person who God calls to apply to be the new Rector. While we face another Interregnum (the second in four years), we know what we're about. There is a wealth of experience across the Benefice and beyond. Within the Benefice there are Clergy, Readers and Authorised Lay Ministers who can provide pastoral help and support.

The last few years have demonstrated the value of the Benefice – where we are able to support each other's endeavours. The importance is to look forward, prayerfully. Our prayers may not be answered in the way that we expect. Our prayers will be answered in the way that God wants. It is his will that will be done - not ours. In the words of William Cowper, 'God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform'.

Chris Scoble, Reader based at St Marys

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.

BENEFICE NOTICES

(all welcome to attend)

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.

Revd Melissa Carter will be re-licensed as Team Vicar on Wednesday 19th June, 7pm at Charlton church.

Revd Claire Coleman has been appointed Team Vicar in the Dover Town Team Ministry, subject to the usual procedures. The licensing occasion by Bishop Rose has yet to be confirmed.

Revd Catherine Tucker will be licensed as priest in charge of St Laurence in the Isle of Thanet on 10th July, 7pm at Ramsgate St Laurence.

DEANERY SYNOD Day of ENCOURAGEMENT Saturday 15th June, River Christian Centre.

Theme: Becoming a Holy People – reps from every parish are invited to attend and to share up to 5 mins on 'What prayer means to you and how you pray' details/dietary requirements from Area Dean Revd Andy Bawtree rockabillyrev@hotmail.com (lunch provided)

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
2 nd	Holy Communion (Rev Catherine w Chris Scoble preaching) w healing	8am (Rev Catherine) Parish Mass (Rev Richard Woods)	Explore service (local team)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Melissa) 12.15pm Baptism (Rev Melissa)
9 th	Holy Communion (Rev Catherine)	8am (Rev Catherine) Parish Mass (Rev Melissa)	Morning Worship (Graham Snellin w Malcolm Gavin preaching)	Andy's Invite service (Nigel Collins) 3pm Pet Service (Rev Melissa & Nigel Collins)
16 th	Holy Communion (Rev Richard le Rossignol)	8am (Rev Melissa) Parish Mass (Rev Richard Woods)	Morning Worship (Mike Bowditch w Rev Melissa preaching) 6pm Connect service (local team)	Morning Worship (Nigel Collins w Wendy Bowditch preaching)
23 rd	Matins (Ant Shilson w Wendy Bowditch preaching)	8am (Rev Melissa) Parish Mass (Rev Melissa) 4pm Bubble Church (Rev Melissa & Team)	Morning Worship (Malcolm Gavin w Ben Harding preaching)	Morning Worship (Nigel Collins w Anne Collins reflecting)
30 th	Family Communion (Rev Trish w Rev Melissa preaching)	8am (Rev Melissa) Parish Mass (Archdeacon Darren)	Morning Worship (Wendy Bowditch w Mike Bowditch preaching)	Morning Worship (Nigel Collins)

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

St Marys Events open to all:

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

Contacts (Team clergy & parishes)

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St Marys – Lindsay Powell-Williams lindsaypowellwilliams@btinternet.com

St Andrew's Church, Buckland

Calling all animal lovers...
You are invited to our

Pet Service

Sunday 9th June

at 3pm St Andrew's Church

(just off Buckland Bridge, behind Crabble Hill Co-Op)

Please come with your pet to give thanks for them and to recall treasured memories of past pets (bring a photo if you have one)



A warm welcome awaits all creatures great and small!

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION: SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

News from Charlton Fine Arts

On Sunday 5th May, an audience of about 60 was treated to a performance that would have earned accolades in the West End or Broadway. The superb duo Penelope Turner and Helen Crayford performed music of Kurt Weill and his contemporaries (1920s -1950s) with enormous skill and panache. Crayford's technical virtuosity and Turner's compelling voice and dramatic skill made this a thrilling show that commanded our attention from start to finish.

Cheers rang out after their first number, Cabaret, and often thereafter. Mack the Knife, September and Youkali were perhaps the most familiar to the audience, but less known numbers - for example, Tell me the Truth about Love (Auden/Britten) and Hotel (Apollinaire/Poulenc) were greeted enthusiastically. Crayford's spectacular solo items, The Man I Love, I Got Rhythm and Tango Ballade, gave us the chance to enjoy the piano at its best, with lid raised, and to appreciate her astonishing skill as a performer. It was hard to believe that the duo had rehearsed for the first time only the day before.

The audience were welcomed with a drink to take to their tables (Charlton Church was temporarily transformed into a Continental cafe or nightclub, with red and white check table cloths, fresh flowers on the tables and atmospheric lighting). The era was set by a few well-chosen props: a Tiffany lamp and a fern on an elegant stand. Into this convivial atmosphere, the two glamorous performers, suitably attired for the 1920s, sequins and feathers included, brought an air of sophistication that transported us to a different time and place. Refreshments followed the performance and people stayed for at least another hour to enjoy each other's company.

Enormous thanks to Penelope and Helen for coming to perform in the Charlton Fine Arts Series, to Penelope's husband James, to Chris and Maggie Tyler and to Michael Parkinson, Shane and Vicki, for their stalwart support. Thanks also to Jonathan Eddolls from St Mary's Church for taking photographs, to Janet Dagys for helping with publicity and to Simon Partridge of Dover Community Radio for attending and interviewing Penelope. The programme for the second Charlton Fine Arts Series is under construction.



Camila, Churchwarden