

*"A living, loving church without walls"*

## Trinity 14

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2024**



We welcome everyone to our service of Holy Communion. Please do stay for refreshments and a chat after the service, and do take this notice sheet home with you to refer to forthcoming events.

### Today's readings:

The first reading is from the letter of James, Chapter 1, verses 17 to 27; this can be found on page 245 of the New Testament in the Pew Bibles.

The Gospel reading is taken from Mark, Chapter 7, verses 1-8; 14 & 15, then 21-23; this starts on page 45 of the New Testament in the Pew Bibles.

### The Collect for today

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



### Points for your prayers:

We pray for all those involved in education as this new Academic Year begins in schools, colleges and universities.

We pray for the staff with their responsibility to teach and guide those students in their care, and we pray for the pupils, especially those moving to a new school.

We continue to pray for all in our parish who are unwell; for all those in hospital and all those who are in long-term care. We ask

that you bring healing and relief to those who are suffering, and your love and compassion to all those involved in their care.



***The anthem for today is “Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake”, generally attributed to Richard Farrant who was born around 1525. Apart from being a musician who worked as Master of the children of the Chapel Royal, he also wrote plays, and would combine music and drama.***

“Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.



A huge thank-you to all those involved in running MakeLunch over the Summer break- it has been a massive undertaking, only made possible with the huge amount of support that we have had!



We could really do with increasing the number of Welcomers who give out the hymn books, service sheets and notice sheets each week- if you would like to be on the rota for this, please speak to Sue Varnals- we'd be most grateful!

## ***Progress on the Path!***

As you will probably know by now, the first phase of work on the path will begin at the beginning of October, following our Harvest Festival. Once this is underway all our morning services will be held in St Francis' Church in Cryol Road until the building work on the path is complete, as access to St Mary's will be very difficult at this time.



Watch this space for news of the second phase!  
**What's happening during this coming week?**

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept**

The LLT meets in St Mary's Great Chart at 12.30pm

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

The midweek service of Holy Communion resumes in St Francis' Church at 12.00 noon - all welcome!

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Frankie's** - between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, with hot and cold drinks, cake and biscuits, in St Francis' Church Hall. The **Bible Study Group** will also be meeting in St Francis' Church from 2.30pm.



### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**



Choir practice, 2.00pm in church; no practice on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> (lucky for some?!), then resuming the normal pattern from Fri 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.

### **Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept**

will be our service of Informal Worship, beginning at 10.00am.

### **Coming up in the Autumn:**



**"Ride and Stride" will be taking place to raise funds for Friends of Kent Churches on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sponsor Gill, Michael, Rachel or Monica. (Each church receives 50% of the**

*sponsorship money back, and FoKC have also been very generous with grants to us for a variety of projects.)*



**Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, with a Harvest Supper the evening before on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept- listen out for further details...**

*Ashford Invicta Singers*

**A concert by the Ashford Invicta Singers will be taking place in St Francis' Church on October 26<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds for the next stage of our church restoration.**



**The annual Service of Light, to remember those who have died, will be taking place at 2.00pm on Advent Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Our annual Festive Christmas Evening will be taking place at Godinton House on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - more details to follow nearer the time.**

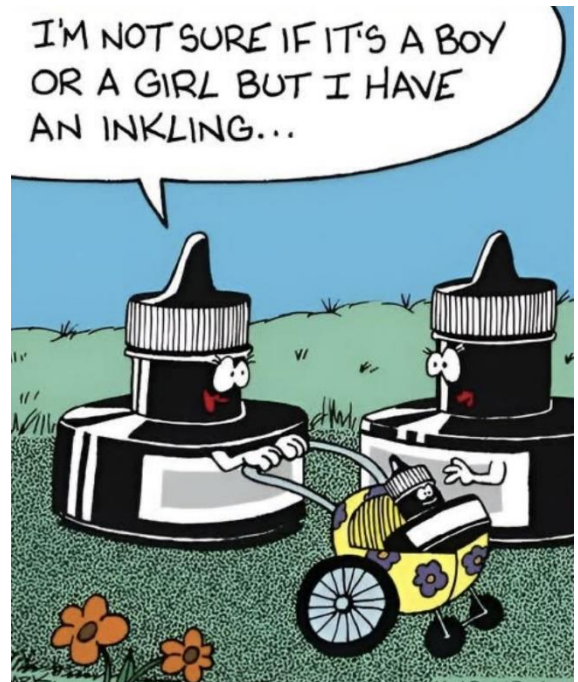


**Our service of Candlelit Carols at Great Chart will be taking place on the evening of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

***And finally...***

I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S A BOY OR A GIRL BUT I HAVE AN INKLING...

**The closing date for copy for the next noticesheet, *which will cover the following fortnight* is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at noon. Please email [tony.shaw53@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tony.shaw53@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone/text 07547 123275 to leave a message for anything that you would like included - thank you.**



**A message from the LLT:**

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, both to protect children and vulnerable adults.**

**The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lis Webb ([lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk](mailto:lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk)). The**

*Local Area Safeguarding Officers are Janet Sullivan (for St Mary's Great Chart) and Hannah Morris (for St. Francis). If you have any concerns, please talk with Janet or Hannah, or a member of the clergy.*