

Welcome to the October issue of your village magazine

VILLAGE DIARY

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**WORLD PREMIERE CEMENT the MUSICAL by J J
Overell Performances in the Church 6th, 7th and 8th
October at 7pm**

Parishioners of Snodland and Wateringbury, with support from the Wateringbury Players are staging this new work. TICKETS £10 from The Handy Stores and Wateringbury Post Office
The Medway runs like a thread through a Dickensque tale, a heady brew of chalk dust, wood pulp and hops. Greed, Treachery and Deceit threaten the harmony of The Valley. Will Goodness, Truth and Love prevail? Probably. BUT BETTER COME ALONG TO MAKE SURE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE IS BACK
Tuesdays 11th and 25th October,
8th and 22nd November
A fortnightly opportunity to help
stretch your budget
in the Village Hall from 8.30-9.30pm**

VILLAGE PEOPLE *Please let us have your news and tributes by 17 October for our November magazine. Entries are free. Email www.rostrum2@hotmail.com or phone 01622 812023*

Rest in Peace

ANN CHIITY - 26/11/49-26/08/22

We are saddened to announce the recent passing of Ann Chitty. Alan and Ann moved from Coxheath to Old Road, Wateringbury in 1975. They lived in a caravan in the garden for one year whilst they modernised the cottages themselves. There they raised their two wonderful children Lloyd and Samantha who now have their own

families (Lloyd and Nicola have Harry 14 and Grace 11. Sam and Eddie have Phoebe 11 and Lily 6). Ann was at her happiest spending quality time with her grandchildren looking after them from their earliest days. She loved them so much and they gave her so much pleasure.

Ann enjoyed her beautiful garden and would spend hours tending it. She also loved card making and flower arranging.

Alan and his family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Watringbury Surgery, especially the Pharmacist, Nikki upstairs, the doctors, and the receptionists, for their exceptional service and high quality of duty of care. Ann spent her last few days at the Heart of Kent Hospice. The staff gave such compassion and tender care to Ann, which we are most thankful for. We would also like to express our thanks to them for looking after us during our most difficult times.
Alan, Lloyd and Sam

PAULINE WELCH – 14/12/48-13/08/22

Pauline spent her childhood in Hunton living on a country estate where her parents worked; her first job was in Paddock Wood. She married Paul in October 1985 and they worked together in a variety of jobs in Kent, Essex and Surrey. Pauline usually working as a cook or gardener. In the early 1990s, for health reasons, Pauline could no longer do such strenuous work and with Paul was able to move to Teston where she enhanced village life in both Teston and Watringbury; serving the Church, WI and Mothers' Union in various roles (church warden, cleaner, choir member, flower arranger, coffee morning and craft organiser, visitor, committee member to name but a few). She became a Rochester Diocese Licensed Evangelist and was a pioneer with the Anna Chaplaincy at The Heart of Kent Hospice and local dementia care homes. She was an accomplished artist and provided Rostrum's 2021 Christmas cover illustration. Pauline was a humble, private person, a good listener, a team player and thoughtful friend who demonstrated her deep faith with service for others always thinking of often unspoken needs and how they could be met. Pauline with her ready smile is sadly missed but the kindness received by so many will live forever in our hearts.

Congratulations to our MP Tom Tugendhat on his appointment as Minister of State for Security of the United Kingdom.

Thank You to Watringbury's Group Scout Leader Nick Keates who is stepping back from the role after many years of hard work and service to Scouting in the village to enable him to spend more time with his young family.

JOB ADVERT - WATERINGBURY PARISH CLERK

Would you like to play a central role in looking after our village and its assets - helping to achieve positive outcomes for our residents and village infrastructure?

Due to retirement, we have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk to start in November. We are looking for a motivated, enthusiastic and competent individual. Good administrative skills are a must and experience with financial statements, communication (inc. social media) are desirable but training is available for the right candidate. A period of a month cross-over is in place to allow an orderly handover between the incoming and outgoing Parish Clerk. In return we will provide all the necessary IT equipment (laptop, printer, phone etc), access to Local Government Pension schemes (as applicable) and training in areas to assist your professional development in the role. The Parish Council are initially proposing hours 9:30am-12:30pm Monday to Friday and 1 evening per month (currently first Tuesday of each month).

Applications close on the 5th October and shortlisted candidates will be invited to Interviews on the 11th October 2022.

Those interested in applying for the role, please contact the Parish Clerk and request a copy of the role specification

(clerk@wateringburypc.org.uk)

WATERINGBURY FOOTPATH GROUP

During September we eventually got some rain after the hot dry summer, but the Footpath Group missed the showers. Our walk took us along footpaths and quiet lanes up to Shingle Barn Farm, which is at the top of the hill between Yalding and West Farleigh. The fields had all been harvested before our walk at the beginning of September, but there were still many apples, pears and damsons on the trees in the hedgerows. From Shingle Barn we took a footpath down through Tutsham to the river and back along the riverside walk. We were busy chatting among ourselves, but that is one of the pleasures of walking. There is always news to catch up on and people to get to know better. New people are very welcome to join us, it is a very good way to meet new people and to find out what's going on locally. When the conversation is flowing somehow the walking is less tiring and in a group it's easy not to pay attention to the route. Walks will be leaving the Village Hall on: Sunday 2nd October at 2.30pm, Tuesday 11th October at 10am and Sunday 6th November at 2.00pm (note earlier start time)

Everyone is welcome. You don't need to let me know in advance if you're coming, but if you haven't been on a group walk with me, please feel free to contact me for more information and so I can keep you updated about our plans.

Lisa Dean 077 5953 9032

HISTORY SOCIETY

Our speaker in the village hall at 8pm on **Wednesday 19th October is Geoff Collins and his topic is Women of the Air.** On 16th November James Dickinson is coming to give a talk entitled Margaret Beauforth "My Lady the King's Mother". Our advertised speaker in September was unable to attend but we were able to book local author and speaker Bob Ogley to tell us about Kent in the 19th Century. It's time to join or renew membership for the coming season at the very reasonable price of £15 for the year (until June 2023) or £5 per talk for visitors who are always welcome. Christine Byron

WATERINGBURY SCOUT GROUP – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GROUP SCOUT LEADER (GSL) REPORT SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Firstly, Scouts across the UK join the nation in mourning the loss of our beloved monarch and Patron, HM The Queen. Her outstanding example of service, encouragement and kindness was an inspiration to us all. As we say in Scouting, Her Majesty has Gone Home. GOD SAVE THE KING.

It's been another action pack year now everything is normal again (yes, I'm glad of no more Covid hoops to jump through!).

The Beavers have been whittling, hiking, playing wide games, zorbing, being creative and lots of awesome activities. Sadly, we said goodbye to Tudor earlier in the year as Beaver Section Leader, he has left a huge legacy including one of having cheese on camps! Tudor, we cannot thank you enough for everything you have done over the years and wish you the very best with life's other endeavours! Nick, Jenny, Sally and Rachel very kindly took up the roles as leaders in Beavers, but as their children progress through the sections we will be left with a shortage of leaders within the Beaver unit, Nick is currently the Section Leader, but this role is always best when several people can help out, it's not about loads of admin, it's about having fun with the Beavers and coming up with mind blowingly crazy ideas the kids will love!

The Beavers are off to Brownsea in a couple of weeks, and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't excited! Nick offered me the chance to join the Beavers (and Cubs!) on the trip after I sent him a few pics of the last time I was there, and he confessed he'd never been (criminal if you ask me!) so I challenged him to make it happen... and he rose to the challenge!

Cubs have been up to their usual awesomeness of adventures and crazy craft! They completed the disability awareness badge back last year, by learning what it's like when you have a disability, not just physical, but also learning difficulties. It's always such a humbling experience to see how our young people react to those who have needs different from their own, they are so kind, helpful and amazingly understanding, a real testament to our members.

The Cubs have also been to LEGOLAND... I went on that trip too...honestly, I swear I'm actually 39!!... we rode the roller coasters, shot the water cannons and I brought a camping Lego kit (it's even got a Lego campfire!)... it was for Holly... apparently. They have also been on pack holiday, summer camp, sleepovers and loads of other amazing evenings out including Ten Pin bowling and hikes.

Scouts have had an action-packed year with loads of evenings over the fields, water fights, pizza nights, sleepovers, pottery painting and Dragon Boating where we pitted two huge dragon boat teams against each other in a race down the full length of the lake! It's surprising how quick the scouts can paddle when there are splashed by leaders!

Summer camp this year was held in Norfolk, we stayed just outside Norwich and did a whole host of amazing activities including seal watching where the scouts learnt about the different types of seals and where they came from and why they come to the East Anglia area. It was amazing to see baby seals in their natural environment rather than in a zoo. We also went for a paddle on the River Yare, with its crystal-clear waters, it's one of the cleanest rivers in the UK...good job, as I had a mouthful or two of it from the water fight!

I have been GSL for a number of years and have made a few major changes within my time, making sections use OSM, moving all payments online, subs by direct debit, getting permits for leaders, investing new leaders, doing 100's of DBS checks and making sure the group was supported over Covid including pestering Tudor to get us lots of money to support scouting during such a crazy time. I have always pride myself on the fact that Scouting is for everyone, we are a fully inclusive organisation, and we exist to support young people at the most difficult times in their lives but also to make sure we give them the most amazing experiences in life.

As many of you know I have a small young daughter and a wonderfully understanding wife, but now Holly is approaching her 3rd birthday her world is expanding beyond the horizon... she wants her slice of adventure and that's something I want to spend more time doing as a family. Over the next few months (before my 40th!) I will gradually be stepping down from my duties as a GSL and leader, it's not a decision I have taken easily, but I want to spend the evenings with Holly jumping in puddles, riding bikes and being a human climbing frame.

I have seen many young people join over the years and those young people are now finishing degrees or starting their chosen career paths, it's the most heart-warming feeling to know you have helped shape a young person's life.

One of the many fond memories I will take away with me as GSL is having a whole group photo taken at Wateringbury Church, it may seem small to some, but that photo shows the level of commitment, love and diversity of everything that Wateringbury Scout Group and its members represents.

A GSL doesn't have leaders, nor assistants, nor helpers... A GSL has a whole host of amazing friends who enjoy a passion for crazy things, having a laugh, having muddy boots and above all, the upmost pride in everything they do for our young people... an ability to fall asleep around a campfire helps too! ☺ I will certainly still be on hand to help run kayaking sessions and be involved in adventurous activities... and perhaps in a year or so you may see me running a squirrels meeting as Holly turns 4...

Thank you, much love. Nick Keates

YALDING YULETIDE MARKET

We are planning this year's event on **3rd December** and if you have a business or are a local charity that would like a stall at this year's event for further details and application form please contact

Tony on amarshall36@btinternet.com or Jason
on jason.bryant1968@btinternet.com

Beware - Specialist teams to get tough on littering

People who drop litter in Tonbridge and Malling will face fines of up to £150 as part of a borough-wide drive to reduce rubbish on the streets of towns and villages. TMBC is launching a 12-month pilot scheme with leading enforcement company, NES, to clamp down on the dropping of food wrappers, cigarette butts, bottles, cans and other waste. Specialist officers from NES will be out and about across the borough targeting litter and fly tipping hot spots using body-worn cameras to capture evidence.

The enforcement teams will be able to issue on-the-spot fixed penalties to anyone seen dropping litter, failing to clear up after their dogs, dumping rubbish or committing other offences, such as transporting waste without a licence.

Penalties are as follows:

- Littering: £150 reducing to £100 if paid within 10 days
- Dog fouling: £80 reducing to £50 if paid within 10 days
- Fly tipping: £400 Other waste offences: £300

WATERINGBURY FLOWER CLUB (Meetings held in East Malling Institute)

Our September meeting was a workshop with our guest Jean Hoar teaching us how to make lavender wands with freshly cut plant material. These lovely decorative wands can be used as perfume for our smalls drawer or a bunch of them make their own ongoing room freshener. Jean showed us different techniques of how to weave the strands of lavender into different patterns which produced different shapes of heads into key rings etc, truly unusual. I can honestly say people had good fun with it.

On 19th October at 7.30pm we have Lucinda Knapman as our visiting demonstrator with her talk entitled - *Fabulous Flowers* - there is also a club competition of the same title, we have brought our club competitions back in again now that more members are coming back to flower club. Visitors always welcome - safe Covid arrangements always in place.

Jean Schofield Secretary WFC

AFTERNOON CONCERT

with **MARGARET WATSON** and her **Golden Harp.**

At The Undercroft, Nettlestead Place

(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Roy Tucker).

Saturday 29th October 2022 at 4pm with Harvest Buffet

Tickets £10 each available from Yvonne Cronk 01622 812016,

Marguerite Allen 01622 871272.

Raffle

Proceeds in aid of Nettlestead Church

TESTON AND WATERINGBURY PRE-SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome our children at the start of the new term. This term our focus book is *Harry and the bucketful of Dinosaurs*. Harry discovers some old toy dinosaurs in the attic. This leads to Harry to take responsibility, finding new ways to engage in creative play and learn all about dinosaurs on his own.

We will be asking the children to guess what is in our box "what could it be". Children are asked to bring stickers and trimmings from home to decorate the box. The children will be involved in activities that mirror the book. Washing dinosaurs, using their imagination in creative play. We will be sorting by colour and size, using clay to imprint our favourite dinosaur. We will be exploring our feelings and introducing our bucket of kindness. Just like Harry who visits a library we are launching our very own lending library. Where children can choose a book to take home and share with mummies

and daddies. Not to mention also making volcanoes, dinosaur eggs and a dinosaur hunt.

This is going to be a very busy, learning, fun term. So let's GO!

If you would like your child to be part of this nurturing, happy preschool there are still some places available.

Contact testonpreschooladmissions@gmail.com

tandwngroup@gmail.com

Tina Driver on 07805796353. Find us on Facebook too.

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

As I write this on the day before the Queen's funeral, I am reminded how much her Majesty loved flowers. She rarely missed attending the 'Chelsea Flower Show' and, we are told, played an active role in her royal gardens. She also loved trees and the 'Queen's Green Canopy' (QGC) project urged us all to 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee', whether that be as individuals or maybe community groups. It's difficult to believe that this is the same year.

Any tree planted will support the environment through photosynthesis and storing carbon. However, a native tree will also support literally hundreds of different species of wildlife from insects to birds and mammals that a non-native species does not. Whilst we can't all find room for maybe an Oak, there are smaller native trees that many of us could find room for. One of my favourites is the 'Crab Apple' as the blossom provides food for bees and other insects in the Spring whilst the fruits feed the birds through the Autumn and Winter. There is more information and advice available on the QGC website. Our new King has been championing environmental causes for many years and whilst we appreciate that his royal duties will be his priority, it is comforting to know that he will continue to do so.

Pauline Knutton

W I - Inspiring Women

At our meeting on **Thursday 13th October** we will welcome Sheila Farmer to give her talk '**What Women Wore.**' The competition will be any item connected to female clothing. Visitors will be most welcome to come along at 2pm in the Village Hall.

At our September meeting we were pleased to welcome Brian Nobbs who gave his 599th talk in aid of RSPB. Brian talked about the large number of birds that can be seen living and passing through Kent at different times of the year. In the year 2019, 440 different birds were recorded. This excellent talk was supported by fine photographs mostly taken by Brian.

FIRST WATERINGBURY GUIDES

Many of the guides spent the August Bank Holiday weekend at Wellies and Wristbands. This was a festival style camp for guides and rangers from all over the south east of England held in Lyndhurst in Hampshire with about 3,300 attendees. There was a concurrent event at Waddow which is in the north west of England.

We shared a coach with Paddock Wood Rangers and Staplehurst Guides and Rangers as I couldn't face the prospect of a train carrying all our kit. Not to mention five new tents thanks to a grant from KCC via Sarah Hudson for which we are very grateful indeed.

The weather was very kind with no rain. The list of activities was endless – the more challenging ones e.g. abseiling, climbing, crate challenge, rafting, kayaking etc along with henna, hot tubs (there was a separate one for the leaders!), crafts, a science tent, bouncy castles, zorbs etc. For the evening there was a Ferris wheel, a night café with chips, donuts and waffles and of course the most important bit – the groups and singers. It would be fair to say that the leaders hadn't heard of any of the performers, but importantly the girls had. One of the outstanding memories for me was our Young Leader Lauren almost floating across the field in excitement after the duo whose DVD she'd had for nearly six years appeared on stage for their warm up, spotted her and her DVD, and came over to speak to her and personally sign the DVD for her.

Now the tents are dry, packed away, the kit is washed and it's back to guides while also keeping one eye on our options for next year. Another Wellies in August, perhaps Fearless Fun in September – more local at Blacklands at East Grinstead and all challenging outdoor activities, or maybe Sparkles and Ice – the extreme camp in November

also at Blacklands. Along with that we're looking at a theatre trip, a cinema trip, ten pin bowling and trampolining as well as outdoor cooking! *Sheena Stewart and team. 1st Wateringbury Guides*

NETTLESTEAD AND WATERINGBURY PRESCHOOL

We have had a busy start to term 1 with all our new and old families starting back with us. It's been lovely catching up with everyone and hearing about the children's summer adventures! The children have enjoyed coming back, building new friendships, and seamlessly falling into preschool life. They have been getting to know each other using our family board pointing out members of family, friends and pets to each other, a great way to build communications and social skills. We have enjoyed craft activities, making family trees and talking about people special to us.

On Roald Dahl day the children had a go at creating their own stories by using picture prompts, sharing their ideas with other children. On the wetter days we have taken the children out all dressed up in wetsuits and wellies to go puddle jumping! The children loved seeing how high they could jump and see who could make the biggest splash!

Our Cheeky Monkey mascot has also been out and about already. Children have enjoyed taking Cheeky Monkey home, taking him on lots of fun filled adventures that they then come and share with everyone else. Cheeky Monkey was very lucky on his last visit as he got to join with birthday celebrations and have some yummy cake followed by a visit to the garden centre where he got to see lots of different animals. Cheeky Monkey is already looking forward to his next adventure!

SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Sarah Hudson, County and Borough Councillor, reported at the meeting as follows:

KCC decision on removing KCC subsidies to a number of bus contracts has been referred to the Full Council for further consideration on 16/09/2022. KCC needs to cut £2m from their budget as the Covid funding expires. Stagecoach and Arriva are currently running at a loss.

T&M Local plan (Regulation 18) has been prepared for public consultation on the future housing supply of the borough. The government assessment of housing need for T& M states that the borough should build close to 16,000 houses, 300 in each village by 2040

Community fridge will open in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th September at 8.30 pm. It will run once a fortnight.

Crime Report – the Police reported the following crimes in the village in July and August: 3 assaults without injury, 3 cases of harassment and 1 case of miscellaneous violence.

Play equipment - Playdale offer the most durable equipment constructed from wooden poles with steel feet, and is, therefore, the preferred supplier of new play equipment. The Council will investigate grants to help finance the project. The safety inspection of the existing play equipment identified a number of issues that need to be addressed, as it will take approximately a year to install new equipment.

Speedwatch - July and August reports showed 610 speeding cars in the village. David Merry, the Speedwatch co-ordinator, presented details and cost of a speed device for the village when the Police are ready to make it available. Information from the camera and pictures of offenders' number plates will be processed daily. Councillors agreed to provide finance.

Speed Limit - There was a request from a member of the public to introduce a 20-mile speed limit in the village.

Michael Wells, the Vice Chairman, referred to a past reply from KCC to the Council's proposal of 20 mph in Bow Road, which restricted the limit to a short section of the road at the Parish Council's cost and without Police enforcement.

Planning applications - The Council had no objections to the following:

Oakenwood Cottage, 243 Red Hill (Listed Building)

Installation of two no-wood burning stoves.

23 Barming Road – erection of a pair of 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings. **Wateringbury Football Club (WFC)** - A 6-year lease has been signed by the Council to rent a part of the sports field car park to WFC for storage of their goal posts.

Parish Clerk retirement – Susan Cockburn is planning to retire this year after 25 years of very successful service to the Council and the village. Councillors are preparing the Parish Clerk job description update and will advertise for a new Clerk.

Street light on the house at 169 Old Road –

Councillors agreed at the occupiers' request to meet the cost of redoing the badly fitted street light fixed on the house.

The next Parish Council meeting followed by Planning Committee is on **Tuesday, 4th October at 7.30pm** in the Upper Room of the Village Hall. Councillors value the support of residents and there is an open forum at the end of each meeting to allow for matters of local concern to be brought to the attention of the council.

Approved minutes of these meetings will appear on the Parish Council website www.wateringburypc.org.uk in due course.

NEWS FROM OUR MP TOM TUGENDHAT

I am deeply saddened at the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. I am sure this feeling is echoed across our nation, the Commonwealth, and the whole world. I swore allegiance to Her Majesty as a soldier and politician. I will be forever grateful of her incomparable service.

I was proud to represent our community and country at the Accession Council on Saturday 10 September where we proclaimed the King. At the first meeting between His Majesty and His Majesty's Government, I shared with King Charles III the deepest expression of our condolences and loyalty as his subjects across Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling.

I also had the pleasure of being at the proclamation at Tonbridge Castle on Sunday 11 September. Thank you to everybody who was able to attend or attended other local events across our villages. It was a bittersweet moment to sing the prayer and anthem, God Save The King. The civic service hosted by St Peter and St Paul at Tonbridge Parish Church afterwards was particularly special. It showed our community at its best and demonstrated the respect with which we hold the monarchy.

This is a momentous occasion in our shared history, one in which she has provided an unwavering example of duty and kindness. Her deep faith was a strength and pillar. My thoughts continue to remain with the whole of the Royal family.
GOD SAVE THE KING.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW

Standing Sombre at Buckingham Palace

After work and school, the Thursday before the funeral, we catch the train to Victoria. Walking out we weave through crowds to

Buckingham Palace. The whole area is closed to traffic. Police everywhere. Though it is night the roads are filled: Tourists, mourners, people of every age. We stand at the gates and look in to the darkened windows with the half mast flag above, up to the empty balcony.

Into Green Park and we see the field of flowers. Carefully removed from before the Palace railings, they are now arranged across the grass. Rows and rows and rows of them. Laying neatly around trees. They go on and on, and among them are pictures, photos, sketches, flags, the odd Teddy. Displays from schools and preschools, family cards and letters - thousands of letters: Dear Ma'am; Your Majesty; Elizabeth; I'd just like to say; Thank you for being our Queen. Personal stories, wishes and sentiments. Words of thankfulness, service, sadness.

People are pouring into the field like us. Looking at the flowers. Kneeling to read the messages. Adding to the impromptu arrangements as new rows grow. Despite the crowds there is a quiet and dignified calm. There is a palpable sense that in this field of flowers, these tokens of sincere expression move us beyond the physical to reach out, to something more.

We move through the park and turn towards Westminster, passing welfare tents offering refreshments, ambulance stations, and dozens of police. We reach Lambeth Bridge and then can see the line. The huge snaking shuffling orderly queue. Running along one bank of the River Thames, over the bridge and back towards Parliament and Westminster Hall. Through the park and the temporary airport security. The line is quiet, somber, as it approaches its final destination after many miles and many hours.

Every colour and creed is there, in the line and in the police and other service personnel. Every age. Utterly British and yet somehow this moment also feels as though the world has come to pay respect. We walk over to Parliament Square and stand at the railings looking to Her temporary resting place - Westminster Hall. Even here there is a most potent presence of quiet mournfulness. And the line keeps coming. Pilgrims all.

Bob Bowie



The Lady Chapel in Church where the Parish Book of Condolences was available for those who wished to express their thoughts on the death of

WATERINGBURY CHURCH - SERVICES IN OCTOBER

[SJB Church web site:](http://www.wateringburychurch.org.uk) www.wateringburychurch.org.uk

[Church Face Book Page:](https://www.facebook.com/wateringburychurch) [fb.me/wateringburychurch](https://www.facebook.com/wateringburychurch)

[Friends of SJB Church web site](http://www.fowc.org.uk) www.fowc.org.uk

Saturday 1ST October 3-5pm Messy Church (for young families) – Bible Story, Action Songs, Prayer time, lots of crafts and ending with afternoon tea. All welcome Please note change of venue to Village Hall this month due to preparations for Cement – the musical

2ND October - 10am – Harvest Praise led by Barry Fisher

Come along and give thanks for God for our Food and those who produce it locally and world wide.

Monday 3RD October - 9am - School Harvest Celebration

9TH October – 10am Holy Communion led by Rev Gary

16TH October - 10am - All Age Worship

23RD October - 10am – Holy Communion with Rev Gary

30TH October – 10am – Joint Benefice Communion at St Lawrence, Mereworth As this is the 5th Sunday in the month the three churches in the benefice take the opportunity to worship and share fellowship together. This month at Mereworth church. This is the only service in the Benefice today.

5TH November – 3-5pm Messy Church

6TH November - 10am –Matins with Barry Fisher

13TH November – 10.30am Annual Parish Act of Remembrance led by Rev Gary

Refresh Services of modern worship at 5pm-5.45pm in Mereworth Church on 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

(no service on 30th half term). Start your week re-charged – great music, good company and even tea and coffee

Mid-week Benefice Communion Services will be held in **Mereworth church at 10am on Wednesdays 5th, 12th and 19th October** followed by coffee and chat.

WEEKLY ZOOM BENEFICE

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Mondays at 7.30pm for about an hour

Rev Gary Townsend invites you to join him for bible study. To join please email gary.rev@outlook.com for the link to the meeting.

Saturday 1st October



Please note change of Venue to Village Hall this month

**GRAND CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR
11AM TO 3PM SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
AT WATERINGBURY CHURCH**

A wonderful array of gifts and items for Christmas, with some new stalls and of course the old favourites - cake stall, raffle, tombola, cake raffle and refreshments and many more!

COFFEE, CAKE, CHAT AND CRAFTS

Wednesdays October 5th, 19th,

November 2nd, 16th & 30th 10.30am-12.30pm

Crafters Coffee Mornings were founded 8 years ago by Parish Evangelist Pauline Welch and have grown in popularity over the years. Many have revived knitting and crochet skills and members have supported, with hand-made items, many charities. Others just come along for a chat. Pauline died in August and we miss her smile and gentle care. We will continue to meet and share friendship and enjoy delicious home-made cake. New faces are always welcome, so don't be shy, come along.

BOOK BARGAINS There is a good selection of second-hand books for sale at the church **50p each or 3 for £1**. Do pop along on crafters mornings and browse.

IN OUR JOYS AND SORROWS – From the Parish Registers

Baptism – Henry William James Worsfold (4th September)

Burial of Ashes – Kathleen Elizabeth Else (27th August)

Memorial Service – Pauline Welch (13th September)