*Who is who?*

**Town Rector**

**Revd. Catherine Tucker (Interim)**

**Town priest**

**Revd Melissa Carter**

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**Churchwardens**

**Ms Camilla Otaki (07578220209) and Mr Richard Harman (07871375986)**

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**Church Secretary**

**Mrs Betty Paramor – 01304 203256**

**Church Sacristan**

**Mrs Jackie Cray**

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**Church hall manager**

**Mrs Betty Paramor**

**Church Hall booking secretary**

**Mrs Betty Paramor (01304) 203256)**

**Dover Deanery Synod reps**

**Mr Michael Parkinson and Mr Chris Tyler**

**Christians together in Dover**

**Mrs Nanette Gleeson & Sue Jarrold**

**Christian Aid rep**

**Mrs Sue Jarrold**

**Safeguarding and child protection**

**Mrs Maggie Tyler & Mrs Sue Jarrold**

**Worship Band**

**Alastair Mackie, Lyn Faber, Maggie Tyler**

**Sunday morning hall worship**

**Alastair Mackie and team**

**Junior Choir**

**Mr Charles Spanner**

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October 2023

The Parish Magazine and

pew sheet of

St Peter & Paul

Charlton Church

A person in a suit and tie

Description automatically generatedDear Friends

Where will it all end? An interesting question about the future of our planet. Yes, the planet which we have been charged to look after by God. We are blessed that we are not subjected both physically or mentally to some things that are seen across the globe by adults and children. The sight of grieving communities are all too easy to find on television, social media or in newspapers. If it not man’s inhumanity to fellow man, severe weather, or earthquakes its climate change. I believe that, as Christians, we should set an example to others less fortunate. We watch our television sets or read the news of tragic events and we respond…or do we?

As individuals we have limited funds. Only so much to go around. There are many worthwhile causes that we financially support. For some that does already include giving to disaster funds, charities and groups that support the vulnerable, needy, homeless etc.

As Churches we have limited funds. There are many worthwhile causes that we financially support. British Gas, EDF and, of course, our Parish share. Only so much money to go around.

Utilities are very difficult to cut off. Those bills need to be paid. So that leaves the Parish Share. Do we need to pay it? This is the largest cost we, as a church, annually incur (outside of major repairs). As treasurers we are chased to see if it can be paid. The reality here, at Charlton for 2023, will be no. Retired clergy and courses for training have to be paid along with other sundry matters to Canterbury.

Wouldn’t it be great to think that Canterbury would be able to slash the 2024 Parish share to half of this years. Our mission to disaster funds and other worthwhile charities would greatly benefit. For sure.

Chris Tyler Editor

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

**Lynne Bebbington, Kay Dawson, Sam Fields, Amy Mears, Thomas Mears, Kim Needy, Charlotte Richards, Derek Robinson, Jessica Taylor, Christine Williams, Bernie Williams, Albert Wall, Pat Weathered, Jack(5), Barbara Williams, Ian Buckley, Alison Askew, Min Gallagher . Paul Clayton Jayden (child) (Leukaemia), Danny Boyce. Revd. Melissa Carter, Barbara Spicer, Will Scamp and anyone else known to us.**

**THOSE WE REMEMBER IN CARE AND NURSING HOMES**

**Zenia Graves, Jane English, Wendy English, Sheila McLeish**

**Toby Marchand and Joyce Molyneux.**

**THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

**David Matthews**

**Dear Father, help protect all in care at this time. May the Father keep them safe. The Son protect them, and the Holy Spirit always remain within their hearts.**

**THOSE WHO’S ANNIVERSARIES FALL THIS MONTH**

**Oct 1st: David Bromley; Gertrude Newton; Vi Figg. George Pitts:**

**Frank Benjamin: Jim Hawkins**

**Oct 2nd: Eliza Hollway; Kathleen Rusted; Reginald Hogbin; Arthur O’Brian**

**Oct 3rd: Winifred Reilly**

**Oct 4th: Mary Johnson; William Clark; George Holliday; Edna Stokell:**

**Colin Marsh**

**Oct 5th: Ilma Howard; Lilian Edwards**

**Oct 6th: John Howard**

**Oct 7th: Bert Newby; Rose Matthews**

**Oct 8th: James Snell (priest)**

**Oct 9th: Edwin Castle**

**Oct 10th: Caroline Richards; Rose Buddle; William Jopson; Patricia Corr**

**Oct 11th: Maddie Marchand**

**Oct 13th: Jay Brenchley**

**Oct 14th: Lawrence Adams; Frederick Sangster**

**Oct 15th: Joseph Butcher; Maude Finnis; Cecil Wyborn**

**Oct 16th: Frances Blomfield; Thomas Youden; Edward Pope;**

**Gladys Coleman; David Birch: Ann Yarrow**

**Oct 17th: Robert Porter; Alan Wanstall**

**Oct 18th: Phoebe Sanderson; Albert Smith; Helen Graves**

**Oct 19th: Albert Topliss, Val Crowley**

**Oct 20th: Alice Slater**

**Oct 21st: Ernest Kemp; Thomas Foad; Peggy Davidson: Mollie Greenstreet**

**Oct 22nd: Richard Pake; Arthur Linscott; Denis Clifford**

**Oct 24th: Stephen Terry; Harry Bland; Sybil Collier: Peggy Reader:**

**Bob Healing**

**Oct 25th: Helen Newby; Arthur Bouxman, Dorothy Russell**

**Oct 26th: William Embry; Emma Marsh, Myna Birde**

**Oct 27th: Olive Gilchrist; Claude Hatfield**

**Oct 28th: Olive Batty; Dilys Wynn; Priscilla Knott**

**Oct 29th: Ann Fletcher: Elsie Barnes: Robert Manuel**

**Oct 30th: William Nowers**

**Oct 31st: John Melhuish**

May God always walk with them.

**SERVICES / CELEBRANTS FOR OCTOBER**

**LITANY**

**9.30am - Rev Catherine or Lay lead**

**6th October 13th October**

**20th October 27th October**

* **Please check beforehand in case of holidays or cancellations**

**THURSDAY SAID EUCHARIST**

**9.30am - Rev. Melissa**

**5th October 12th October**

**19th October 26th October**

* **Please check beforehand in case of holidays or cancellations**

**SUNDAY EUCHARISTS**

**1st October Trinity 17 – Proper 21 - GREEN**

**08.00 SAID - Reverend Catherine Tucker**

**09.30 SUNG - Reverend Catherine Tucker**

**8th October Trinity 18 – Proper 22 - GREEN**

**08.00 SAID - Reverend Catherine Tucker 09.30 SUNG - Reverend Catherine Tucker**

**15th October Trinity 19 – Proper 23 - GREEN**

**08.00 SAID – Reverend Melissa Carter**

**09:30 SUNG – Reverend Melissa Carter**

**22nd October Trinity 20 – Proper 24 – GREEN**

**08.00 SAID - Reverend Melissa Carter**

**09.30 SUNG - Archdeacon Darren Miller**

**29th October Last Sunday of Trinity – Proper 25 - Green**

**08.00 SAID – Reverend Catherine Tucker**

**09.30 SUNG – Reverend Richard Woods**

**THESE ARE THE SERVICES AND COLOURS RELATING**

**THINGS MAY ALSO CHANGE WITH CLERGY**

**BIRTHD****AYS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

October

1st Joyce Kinden 5th Joyce Molyneux

7th Peter Gillham 9th Lyn Faber

16th Richard Harman 24th Karen Gillham

November

12th Josias de Souza 21st Sue Jarrold

**PSALMS FOR OCTOBER**

1st October Psalm 78.1–4, 12–16

8th October Psalm 65

15th October Psalm 106.1–6, 19–23

22nd October Psalm 99

29th October Psalm 119.9–16

**GOSPELS FOR OCTOBER**

Sun 1st October Matthew 21.23–32

Thu 5th October Luke 10.1–12

Sun 8th October Luke 12.16-30

Thu 12th October Luke 11.5–13

Sun 15th October Matthew 22.1–14

Thu 19th October Luke 11.47–end

Sun 22nd October Matthew 22.15–22

Thu 26th October Luke 12.49–53

Sun 29th October Matthew 24.30–35

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER**

Sunday, Oct 1st OT Exodus 17.1–7

NT Philippians 2.1–13

Thursday, Oct 5th Nehemiah 8.1–12

Sunday, Oct 8th OT Deuteronomy 8.7–18

NT 2 Corinthians 9.6–end

Thursday, Oct 12th Malachi 3.13—4.2a

Sunday, Oct 15th OT Exodus 32.1–14

NT Philippians 4.1–9

Thursday, Oct 19th Romans 3.21–30

Sunday, Oct 22nd OT Exodus 33.12–end

NT 1 Thessalonians 1.1–10

Thursday, Oct 26th Romans 6.19–end

Sunday, Oct 29th OT Nehemiah 8.1–4a [5–6] 8–12

NT Colossians 3.12–17

**Some Readings may change. That is purely down to the discretion of the Priest.**

**30 SECOND MATHS CHALLENGE**

1). 18 X 25 =?

2). 32 X 15 =?

3). 14 X 15 =?

4). 31 X 17 =?

5). 22 X 16 =?

6). 17 X 14 =?

Amazingly 15 out of 20 adults tested did noy get 6 out of 6

In 30 seconds. Have a go. Be a 5 out of 20 person.

**Did you know?**

October 31st – commemorates Martin Luther Day.

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben in Saxony in 1483, the son of a copper miner. After Erfurt University, fearful of death and judgement, he entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt but did not find the peace with God he anticipated. Taking his vows as a monk in 1506, he was ordained priest in 1507. He turned to the study of theology at which he excelled and by 1512 he had received both his doctorate and the chair of theology at Wittenberg University. At some point between 1512 and 1515 Luther had his so-called ‘Tower experience’ which marked a fundamental shift in his theology and faith. Through studying the Scriptures – notably Romans 1.17, ‘the righteous shall live by faith’ – he came to believe that Christians are saved not through their own efforts but by the gift of God’s grace, which they accept by faith. Once he had grasped this truth, he was transformed from someone fearful of God’s wrath into a fearless critic of a Church that was failing to teach this fundamental truth.

Luther’s increasing disillusion with the Catholic Church was brought to a head by the indulgence controversy which resulted in his Ninety-Five Theses, published on 31 October 1517. What was intended to initiate an academic debate quickly got out of hand and Luther was excommunicated in 1521. But his views struck a chord with others, and a bloc of anti-Catholic states began to emerge in Germany. By 1529 the word ‘Protestant’ had been coined to describe their beliefs. Though reform not schism was his aim, Luther stuck to his beliefs when Rome declined to reform itself, even along the conservative lines favoured by Luther. In addition to the doctrine of justification by faith he asserted the priesthood of all believers, the concept of national Churches, vernacular Scripture and liturgy, the use of hymns in worship and the freedom for clergy to marry.

Luther was successful in challenging the might of the Catholic Church partly because the intellectual changes of the Renaissance made such challenges acceptable, partly because the political situation in Germany was favourable to a new religious dimension, and partly because the technology to disseminate his ideas (the printing press) had recently been invented. But, most importantly, it was his personal courage and willingness to risk his life for the truth that allowed the Reformation to be born and to develop. He died at Eisleben in1546.

**READERS AND INTERCESSORS FOR OCTOBER**

Oct 1

OT Reader Richard Harman

NT Reader Maggie Tyler

Prayers Chris Tyler

Oct 8

OT Reader Chris Tyler

NT Reader Paul Hof-Bembridge

Prayers Betty Paramor

Oct 15

OT Reader Camilla Otaki

NT Reader Sue Jarrold

Prayers Alastair Mackie

Oct 22

OT Reader Betty Paramor

NT Reader Jackie Cray

Prayers Nanette Gleeson

Oct 29

OT Reader Nanette Gleeson

NT Reader Thelma Coleman

Prayers Chris Tyler

If you would like to join the existing team of readers for lessons or prayers, please see Richard or Camilla and you can be added to the existing list.

A poster for a harvest lunch

Description automatically generated**SOCIAL NEWS…….**

**WEEK DAY EVENT INCOME**

**DESERT ISLAND DISCS AMERICAN SUPPER**

**SPONSORSHIP £100**

**EVENT RAISED £186 TOTAL £286**

**GIRLS NAMES AMERICAN SUPPER**

**SPONSORSHIP £100**

**EVENT RAISED £180 TOTAL £280**

**NUMBERS IN SONG TITLES AMERICAN SUPPER**

**SPONSORSHIP £100**

**EVENT RAISED £155 TOTAL £255**

**PLACE NAMES IN SONG TITLES AMERICAN SUPPER**

**SPONSORSHIP £100**

**EVENT RAISED £135 TOTAL £235**

**FINE ART SERIES CHARLIE BROOKES**

**SPONSORSHIP £100**

**EVENT RAISED £45 TOTAL £145**

**MUSICALS 3 AMERICAN SUPPER**

**SPONSORSHIP £100**

**EVENT RAISED £TBC TOTAL TBC**

THERE WILL BE A QUIZ BETWEEN NOW AND CHRISTMAS. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A DATE. AN AUCTION IDEA IS BEING MUTED FOR 2024. A SERIES OF FINE ART CONCERTS STARTED IN SEPTEMBER. WATCH OUT FOR MORE DATES.

**THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR OTHER IDEAS TO RAISE FUNDS WITH THE EVER-INCREASING COSTS INVOLVED IN KEEPING OUR CHURCH OPEN. NO IDEA WILL BE DISMISSED BUT IT MAY NEED HELP IN PLANNING ON TOP OF THE EXISTING IDEAS WE HAVE.**

**QUIZ**

1. Which Saint's feast is on Boxing Day? ST STEPHEN

2. What are the two former names of the Russian city, St. Petersburg?

PETROGRAD AND LENINGRAD

3. What saintly name is given to an atmospheric glow that appears on the extremities of pointed objects such as ship masts and church spires?

ST ELMO’S FIRE

4. Who is the patron saint of lost causes? C.SPANNER OR ST JUDE THADDEUS

5. Which European republic was founded by St. Marinus and his Christian followers? SAN MARINO

6. What event inspired George Bernard Shaw to write the play 'St. Joan'.

THE CANONIZATION OF ST JOAN OR ARC IN 1920

7. Where is St Edmund buried? THE ABBEY OF BURY ST EDMUNDS

8. According to folklore, what will happen if it rains on St. Swithin's day?

IT WILL RAIN FOR 40 DAYS

9. Which saint was the first Archbishop of Canterbury and founded the Christian Church in the South of England? AUGUSTINE

10. Who is the patron saint of doctors?  ST LUKE THE APOSTLE

**BAPTISMS** **2023**

**OCTOBER**

**8TH 12.00 BODHI ROBERT WILSON**

**15TH 12.00 ISLA OLIVIA VICTORIA WILKINS**

**22ND 14.00 OLIVIA JADE WILLIS JONES**

**29TH 12.00 HENRY MARCUS COLE**

**NOVEMBER**

**11TH (Saturday) 12.00 MADISON MINNOCK (10 year old)**

**WEDDINGS 2023**

**NOVEMBER**

**4TH 14.00 DEBBIE AND IAN**

**HYMNS** **OCTOBER 2023**

1st October Processional: 296 – Lord Enthroned in Heavenly spendour

Offertory: 357 – Father hear the prayer we offer

Communion: 445 – Rock of ages cleft for me

Recessional: 457 – The king of love my shepherd is

8th October Processional: 259 – Come ye thankful people, come.

Offertory: 264 – All things bright and beautiful

Communion: 276 - Bread of heaven on thee we feed

Recessional: 262 - We plough the feeds and scatter

15th October Processional: 5 – Hark a herald voice is calling.

Offertory: 459 – The Lords’ my shepherd

Communion: 282 – Faithful Shepherd feed me

Recessional: 294 – Just as I am

22nd October Processional: 52 – O worship the Lord

Offertory: 486 – We have a gospel to proclaim

Communion: 431 – O thou who camest from able

Recessional: 377 – Immortal, invisible

29th October Processional: 360 – Firmly I believe and truly.

Offertory: 372 – He who would valiant be

Communion: 485 – thy hand, O God, has guided

Recessional: 413 – Now thank we all our God

**Poem about gardens**

The kiss of the sun for pardon,

The song of the birds for mirth,

One is nearer God’s heart in a garden,

Than anywhere else on Earth.

**A WRITTEN PIECE FROM WORLD WAR II**

The bell tolls but not today for you laddie,

Bullets hiss and whistle all around

It tolls for other poor souls but not today for you laddie.

You look back and see old friends fall in crumpled heaps as the rain pours down from the angry heavens forming puddles of rain mixed with the blood of conflict.

It’s insane its madness this senseless premature taking of the innocent lives of many who did not want to be here but were ordered by men at home Sitting in front of their warm fireplaces.

One day the bell may well toll for you laddie. Pray you never hear it and you live to return to family and friends.

ANON.

The life that I have Is all that I have  
And the life that I have Is yours.  
The love that I have of the life that I have  
Is yours and yours and yours.  
 A sleep I shall have. A rest I shall have  
Yet death will be but a pause.  
 For the peace of my years In the long green grass  
Will be yours and yours and yours.

a short poem written by [Leo Marks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leo_Marks) and used as a [poem code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poem_code) in the [Second World War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_World_War).

A poster with text and balls

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A candle lit up on a white surface

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And finally a charming limerick by the theologian and crime writer Ronald Knox, inspired by Bishop Berkeley’s *esse est percepi* concerns about being and perceiving:

There was a young man who said, “God

Must find it exceedingly odd

To think that the tree

Should continue to be

When there’s no one about in the quad”

Which prompted this anonymous reply:

“Dear Sir: Your astonishment odd:

I am always about in the quad.

And that’s why the tree.

Will continue to be

Since observed by, Yours faithfully, God.”

Not a bad one on which to end ….

If you or someone you know would like a visit from or a chat with our Pastoral Care Team please contact

Revd Catherine Tucker 07709 618063

Revd Melissa Carter 07825 910116

Reader Chris Scoble 07988 853730

Reader Wendy Bowditch 07821 896877

Reader Graham Snellin 07502 292959

ALM Gill Neary on 07721 336956

A person with long hair wearing a black shirt

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A poster with a reindeer and santa claus

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**QUIZ. ALL ANSWERS BEGIN WITH THE LETTER “P”**

**1). Who’s chemical number is 19?**

**2). Lima is the capital of what country?**

**3). Russia’s leader surname?**

**4). Capital of Cambodia?**

**5). Disney’s Peter?**

**6). Who’s chemical number is 15?**

**7). This Capaldi was a Doctor Who.**

**8). How many dinosaurs are listed beginning with “P”**

**20 26 28**

**9). He was a dirty dancer. Who is he?**

**10). This Benjamin was an 1980 American comedy film**

**11). Which former German empire was abolished in 1947?**

**12). What is the name of the Children in Need teddy bear?**

**13). What is the name of the Lion in the children’s**

**programme “The herbs”?**

**14). The famous female singer was a clark. Who is she?**

**15). Claudius. 2nd century Greek mathematician?**

**16). This man loved dogs. Who is he?**

**17). The Devonport Dockyard is where?**

**18). This Argyle is not Scottish.**

**19). He sang about 19 in 1985.**

**20). Martin Luther bought about this movement.**

**21). Which council was founded on 1st May 1708?**

**22). Who painted “Guernica” in 1937?**

**23). Who sang about a lemon tree in 1962?**

**24). This female Faith can sing!**

**25). Sicily's cultural, economic and tourism capital is?**

**Answers next month…**

Two people standing together

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