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November 2024

My Dear Friends

Remember, remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.

I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot.

November is a sombre month, as the darkness draws in, the trees stand bare, and the mornings are clouded in mist. It is a time of remembering. The children may cry "Remember, remember the fifth of November ...", I don't know about you, but Guy Fawkes Night seems to run for anything up to a couple of weeks before and after.

But there are several other and more significant days of remembering for all of us. The second Sunday, the Sunday nearest to the eleventh day of the eleventh month, is a time for remembering those who fell in the defence of freedom, not only in two World Wars, but also in all the conflicts which have shattered nations and peoples since. We look backwards to honour those who gave lives in war, but we must also look forwards to keep faith with them and use our energies to build the sort of world that they held dear. There is an old saying that "those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it" that is why it is important for all of us to remember, and to pray that the world's rulers and statesmen may make wise and honourable decisions on behalf of their peoples.

On Remembrance Sunday there will be a Civic service of remembrance for all our villages at the Cobham War Memorial at 10 am followed by a remembrance service at Cobham Church at 10.30am. Also at Luddesdowne on Armistice Day at 10.45 am, when we remember those who have given their lives for the sake of us today.

Remembrance Sunday comes just after the Church's special period of remembrance. All Saints' Day (November I) commemorates all the unsung heroes of Christian discipleship, the ordinary men and women of every age who have been faithful and loving in their service of God and their fellows. They are our inspiration to persevere in what we believe to be true and good and noble, especially when things get tough for us. Within the Christian family they remind us too that life in Christ endures beyond physical death, and our fellowship with those we love is not severed when we die.

Within this communion of saints, we pause to recall with loving reverence our own loved ones who have died. For many people All Souls' Day is a very precious, if poignant, time of remembrance, One way in which we express our continuing love and respect for those who have died is by preserving their values and sharing their vision. There is much in the world today that causes us deep concern and anxiety, and the shadow of war hangs over so many lands.

The Bible tells us 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'

'A great cloud of witnesses' those who have gone before and showed us how to live in love and faith for God. Although we may think death is the end, for those who have faith in Jesus Christ, know that death is just the beginning of a new life for eternity with Him. Jesus told us this whilst on the cross to the robber at his side 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise' He also showed He has power over death when he rose again.

Death is not something to be afraid of. Remember we have a promise from our Lord Jesus Christ, there is a place for us in his Father's mansion if we turn to him.

Blessings

Rev Pam

HARVEST FESTIVAL

I am very pleased to say that due to the generosity of those who attended Cobham's Harvest Festival, we raised £161.37 for the Ellenor Hospice, in the offering, as well as 3 bags of fresh produce. We were also able to donate 44.2 kgs of canned and dry goods to the Gravesham Food Bank. Thank you all for your loving gifts, which were very gratefully received.

Hilary Savage, Churchwarden, Cobham.



THE TUESDAY POP-IN

Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; all are welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tuesday 12th November.

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788

Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

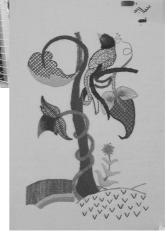
With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email <u>janetferguson@hotmail.fr</u> . Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517

Hello Everyone, We were lucky to have another speaker at our latest meeting. Felicity Billings

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www.felicityalice.com/ is a graduate with a first class degree in embroidery from the Royal School of Needlework. She is a bespoke couture embroiderer who has worked with famous names including Alexander McQueen. Felicity came to talk about crewelwork embroidery which is a very old form of decorative



stitching. The Bayeux Tapestry is the oldest known example. It was interesting to learn how a very traditional method of embroidery can be brought up to date with the use of different fabrics, threads and designs. Felicity believes that we learn not by copying ideas but by looking at existing examples and then developing them in a personal way. Traditionally crewelwork is stitched on linen twill fabric, but the piece at the top has uses navy denim as a backing fabric.

Our postcard theme for this month was 'Sunrise, Sunset' You can see the beautiful colours of two of the ladies' pieces here. The idea of the post-

card challenge is to produce a piece of embroidery the size of a postcard using any technique. A lucky dip takes place so that each participant receives an embroidery stitched by another member who has taken part.





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The Ist South Street Company meets every Friday evening during term time 6pm-7.30pm at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DAI3 0QJ(next to Hope Hill). Half term will be on Ist November. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are invited to join us for team games and challenges, art, craft, cooking, nature activities and Bible stories. The weekly subscription is £2 and the Company will be joining other churches in Meopham and youth organisations for the Remembrance Day Service on Meopham Green at 3pm on Sunday I0th November.

The young people have opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding at the Boys Brigade Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge as well as summer camps at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone. Please visit: www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk for more information about the Boys Brigade organisation.

SOUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday morning services all begin at **10.45am** and finish at about midday. The monthly Family Service is on Sunday 24th November. All are welcome.

SONG TIME meets every **Monday** morning **9.45am-I I am** during term time for families with babies and toddlers. There are lots of different toys, craft activities, musical instruments, singing and refreshments. Family admission is £1.

The next **FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON** is on **Saturday 16**th **November 2pm-4pm** for all ages with table tennis, pool, curling, indoor archery, lots of different board games and refreshments. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to join us.

Please visit <u>www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk</u> or ring 01474 815039 for more information about all the activities at South Street Baptist Church.



Have fun on firework night and during Diwali - please keep safe!

The little mice are having fun with their sparklers, but remember not all animals enjoy the flashes and bangs of the fireworks. Love and licks Paddy



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Cobham's Register

Funeral Service

Janice RYE was born on the 2nd August 1944 and died on the 6th August 2024 at the age of 80 years old. Janice's funeral service took place at Cobham Church on the 11th September 2024 followed by committal at Thames View Crematorium. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Pam DAVIES.

Our condolences and prayers go to Janice's husband David, their children and other family members and friends.

Burial of ashes

Samantha Jane CHEARY (known as Sam) died on the 9th November 2022 at the age of 41 years old. On the 19th September 2024 Sam's ashes were buried, in the Garden of Remembrance in Cobham's churchyard. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Pam DAVIES

Our condolences and prayers go to Sam's mother Sharon, daughter Destiny and siblings Scott, Amanda, Kyra and other family members.

Luddesdowne's Register

Burial of ashes

Gerald Nigel Lemoine MINISTER (known as Gerry) was born on the 3rd March 1948 and died on the 22nd December 2023 aged 75 years old. Gerry's ashes were buried, in with his wife Jill, in the Garden of Remembrance in Luddesdowne's churchyard. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Pam DAVIIES.

Our condolences and prayers go to Gerry's son Philip, daughter Wendy, and their family.

Wedding

Felix STILL and Hannah Louise WELLINGTON were married in Luddesdowne church on the 7th September 2024. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Pam DAVIES.

Congratulations and every happiness to you both.







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- General fatigue
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- Musculoskeletal problems

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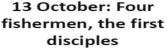
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8 September: Sharing God's blessings at harvest time





10 November: Making sacrifices (4.00pm start)



8 December: Following the star to Bethlehem





For further information contact Jill on 01474 813632 or Jan on 01732 823753



Thursday Fellowship.



Our meeting in November is a week earlier than usual. We meet on the 21st and an hour earlier too, at 1.00.p.m.

We are going to share a Soup and Hot Roll Lunch plus tea/coffee. The earlier time will avoid us leaving as dusk falls and the roads are busy. You are very welcome and we will have a chat about ideas for next year??!!

Meopham Library Writing Group meets again on Thursday 7th November from 10am until noon. After the meeting we shall be celebrating our 16th Anniversary, by having lunch together at a local restaurant. The following meetings will be on 5th December, 2nd January and 6th February. Each month there is a different writing theme such as "Micro", which can be used as a starting point for a poem, short story or an article. There is also a writing challenge, which involves trying to include seven or eight key words, chosen by group members, in short sentences, using as few words as possible.

Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity, which can also be used to record special family memories and it can be therapeutic for people who have been bereaved, or who are facing difficult times. If you are interested in writing short stories, poetry or articles, you are warmly invited to join our small, friendly group. Beginners and more experienced writers are equally welcome to come to meetings. Please ring 01474 813379 for more information, or just turn up at Meopham Library on 7th November.



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Luddesdowne news



I have received this photograph from Radu Tandarescu, Vineyard Operations Manager; he wanted to share how proud Silverhand Estate (one of the region's leading vineyards) is to be part of this wonderful Parish and community.

The photograph highlights the vineyard alongside the church in Luddesdown, both of which are iconic landmarks of the area.

Luddesdowne's Harvest Service 2024

It was lovely to have a nice size congregation, with Pam getting the two young children involved in her talk.

Thank you to Sue and Elizabeth for decorating the church with flowers. What an amazing amount of gifts were brought to the service.

The fresh fruit, veg, eggs, large marrow and uncut loaf of bread (the loaf was donated by the Harvel House Farm shop), were all given to the Ellenor Hospice as was the collection at the service which came to the amount of £180.60. They were very grateful to receive all of these gifts.

An incredible amount of items were brought up during the service, a variety of packets, tins and toiletries, which all went to the Gravesend Foodbank. This was very much appreciated as some of the items they had run out of. The Foodbank were very grateful. A young girl had decorated the box she and her parents donated, which made it special. Kim kindly brought cake for us all to enjoy after the service with our tea or coffee, thank you.

Thank you from the Ellenor and the Foodbank for all the gifts you gave.



Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street Churches Services during November



Sunday 3rd November

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

10am Act of Remembrance at Cobham

War Memorial

10:30am Remembrance Service, Cobham

Monday I Ith November - Armistice Day

10:45am Armistice Day Service, Luddesdowne

Sunday 17th November

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

4pm Flame, Cobham

Sunday 24th November

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

Midweek services in Sole Street

At The Railway Inn, in the Restaurant area.

9:30am 6th Holy Communion Informal Morning Prayer

13th, 20th and 27th November



St John's Meopham with St Mildred's Nurstead Church Services November 2024

Sunday 3rd Nov

9.45am All Age Worship at St John's

11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's

Wednesday 6th Nov 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 10th Nov 10.30am Joint Remembrance Sunday Service at

St John's

3.00pm Remembrance Service at War Memorial

on Meopham Green

4.00pm Sunday Afternoon Club at St John's

Monday 11th Nov 10.45am Prayers of Remembrance at War Memorial

Wednesday 13th Nov NO 10am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 17th Nov 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's Church

11.15am Prayer Meeting at St John's Centre

Wednesday 20th Nov 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 24th Nov 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

I I.30am Family Service at St Mildred's

Wednesday 27th Nov 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

The poppy has become a symbol of Remembrance and hope, including hope for a positive future and peaceful world. It is based That mark our place: on the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields', which was written in the spring of 1915 by a young Canadian doctor. Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He wrote shortly after losing a friend in Yores. and then seeing poppies growing in the battlescarred fields.



In Flanders' fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row. and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high, If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders' Fields.

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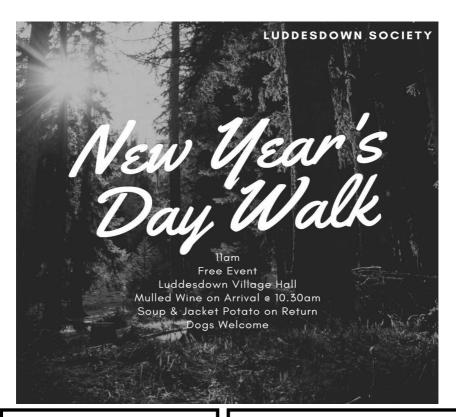
Ringing visitors came to Cobham this summer. Now there was the opportunity, with ringing friends from Kent, Sussex and Hampshire, to have a ring in some different towers and look round various parish churches.

Staying in busy Banbury in North Oxfordshire we set off past Banbury Cross of nursery rhyme fame and an equestrian statue of "a fine Lady upon a white horse" across two invisible boundaries into Warwickshire and the Diocese of Coventry. Whichford is one of the parishes in the South Warwickshire Seven Benefice all under the care of one woman Vicar. In the ringing room was the inscription "Ring, Ring and Welcom" which included "but know you forfit if you ring in spurs". Having had a ring on their 8 bells, without my spurs, I dashed into the church to see the alabaster tomb in the chancel of the Tudor vicar which includes the earliest known depiction of a pair of spectacles in England. On through pretty villages of rich honeyed ironstone and dark russet sandstone to a second church in the seven joint benefice at Long Compton with a thatched room over its lychgate. In 2004 the west end of the church was reordered to provide a meeting room, toilet and kitchen facilities with a balcony above. The Friends arrange concerts, talks and exhibitions in aid of the church. I climbed up the tower spiral stairs to have a ring on their six bells which date from 1656.

Back in Oxfordshire and the Diocese of Oxford our next stop was at Swalcliffe, one of six parishes in the Wykeham Benefice led by their new woman Rector. The great 10 bay long Medieval tithe barn and the church owe all to the great Plantagenet statesman William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, founder of Winchester College and New College, Oxford and Chancellor of England. His descendant Lord Saye and Seal still lives in nearby Broughton Castle. There was just time, plus a good look round, to have a ring on the six bells which date from 1685.

In the same Joint Benefice we came to Tadmarton where the church can trace its history back to Norman times. The Parish Registers record "A sowlder was buried the last day of October 1642". This was just eight days after the Battle of Edgehill. An entry in 1858 records "Coleman Samuel 42 Shutford – supposed to weigh 36 stone – the length of the coffin was 7ft 1in, width 3ft; depth 2ft 2in; weight of oak coffin and corpse 8cwt". Being more slender I did get up the wooden stairs and vertical ladder and through the trapdoor into the ringing chamber. 5 bells date from 1613 with the treble added in 1947 in memory of Lieutenant Nigel Crossley R.N. who died of wounds in November 1939 received whilst serving at sea.

In his book "Steeple Chasing" Peter Ross concludes "An old church offers a strong impression of continuity and resilience. More than that: solidarity and reassurance, something neighbourly. It is an arm around the shoulder, a murmured word in the ear: everything is going to be alright". Indeed.



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Our talk in October, "The Long Border" by Steve Edney was very interesting and enjoyed by members and guests. Steve will be returning in March 2025 with another talk entitled "The Kitchen Garden". We will have one more talk this year which also promises to be interesting about the Silverhand Estate, details below.

Wednesday 6th November 2024 - 6.30pm for 7pm expert speaker talk "Silverhand Wines"

For the last 20 years or so, English wine has become more and more prominent, especially in Kent and Sussex. Silverhand's tourism manager Jamie will be taking you through the history of English wine, the land at Luddesdown, and why it works so well for grape vines, especially sparkling wines. He will also be talking through the other farming activities that are taking place to keep the land organic and sustainable. Entry is free to members and non-members are welcome and pay only £3. For more information email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

November

Winter is on its way but there is still plenty to do in the garden. Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

RHS - Top jobs this month

- 1. Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5. Plant out winter bedding
- 6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost bubble wrap works well
- 8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around trunks
- 9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden

On Wednesday I Ith December 2024 at 7 pm the Society holds its AGM, Annual Prize Giving and Christmas Get Together. So, if you are thinking of taking up membership why not come along see what we are about, celebrate the achievements of our worthy cup & trophy winners — with a glass or two of Christmas Cheer! Membership is only £10 for the year which includes free entry to our talks, non-members pay £3, discount at local nurseries, savings on our annual seed order and 2 for I entry to RHS Gardens. For full details of how to join email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

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The Local Funding Group '24 continue to offer you a warm welcome to the **Coffee Morning** presently being held at The Railway Inn, Sole Street during the restoration of St. Mary's Church Room at 10.30 on the second Thursday of each month, i.e. 14th November, 12th December

The **Christmas Wreath Workshop** is organised for Tuesday, 10^{th} December at 10.00 am -2.30 at The Meadow Room, Cobham. Tickets are £30 which includes all necessary mechanics, foliages and decorations. Additional fairy lights will be available.

You would need to bring a cloth or towel to work on, a small kitchen knife and kitchen scissors as well as your lunch.

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Meetings will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th November 2024, 20th January 2025,

Annual Parish Meeting on 17th March 2025 and the Annual Meeting on Monday 19th May 2025

All meetings will be taking place at Luddesdown Village Hall.

Cobham Parish Council Meeting dates

7.30pm on 5th November at the Meadow Rooms

7.30pm on 3rd December at the Meadow Rooms





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Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.

Fireworks Remembrance Day Landings Second World War Normandy Liberation France Europe Picnic Beach Omaha Bagpipe Parades Parachute Millions Soldiers died

