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Christmas Tree Festival
Friday 25th November 3pm to 5pm
Saturday 26th November 10am to 4pm
Sunday 27th November 11.45am to 3.30pm
then Advent Carols at 3.30pm and close at 5pm

**Details of all Christmas Services and Events
can be found on page 7.**

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**Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9.30 am to 12 noon**

Services at St. Mark's

First Sunday in the month

**8.00am Communion -
Book of Common Prayer**

10.30am All Age Worship

Other Sundays

10.30am Parish Communion

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion Service

Have you ever met anyone famous?

Well, you may say, I haven't, but I know someone who has!



During my gap year before uni, I worked at a care home in Bognor Regis. All the young residents were wheelchair users, some with terminal conditions. None were ever going to achieve fame. Titch stood out for me. His body consisted of his torso, with very short limbs. He went everywhere in a pram. I remember taking him down to the local bookmaker to place a bet. He was eloquent and funny, and could just about manage to manipulate a spoon.



One day the centre manager received a request: could we bring all our young men to Portsmouth to act as extras in Ken Russell's film Tommy? We had no clue as to what the film was about, let alone who might be starring in it. We

were rather awed to spot The Who, Eric Clapton, and Ann-Margret, among others. But we did not catch sight of Elton John, Robert Powell or Tina Turner. The young men all had a moment of fame!

You may remember at Thanksgiving in 2003 a member of the US government, Ambassador Bremer, spoke to 600 American troops based at Baghdad airport. He started by saying he was charged with reading the President's Thanksgiving address, but asked General Sanchez if he was the most senior person present, or whether there was anyone of a higher rank. At that very moment, George W Bush entered the mess hall, to rapturous applause.

To ensure total secrecy, therefore safety, the President had needed to vanish from the public eye for 48 hours. His family had gathered at his ranch for Thanksgiving, but he did not stay for the dinner!

The next issue was range: the plane would need to refuel en route to Baghdad. George Bush boarded at Waco, Texas, and flew to Andrews air base just outside Washington DC, where the plane entered the main hangar. The second presidential plane was fuelled up and ready to go. Everything had to be done away from prying eyes, including the military on site. Minutes later, having swapped planes, he was airborne, the outside world not suspecting a thing. The plane's call sign was no longer Air Force One; the changed identification codes meant no one could know it was a 747. All was going well until over London a British Airways pilot spotted the president's plane and asked the controller if it was Air Force One. The reply was, no, it was a Gulfstream 5. The plan was nearly discovered!

On arrival President Bush gave a speech and was then meant to sit with a few selected members of the Armed Forces. Instead, he called out, "I want to serve these guys." He shook hands with soldiers and posed for pictures. He served the soldiers their dinner. For over an hour and a half, Bush mingled freely with the soldiers he had sent into war. He didn't even eat the dinner he was supposed to.

At Christmas, Christians celebrate an even more amazing surprise visit, to a hostile world. The Son of God came on a rescue mission, living among ordinary human beings, leaving a pattern of living we can copy, a great wealth of teaching, and making the ultimate sacrifice through his death on a cross. 'God among us' sums up the Christmas story. Of course, as Christians we believe God is still among us.

Mark Newman

Christmas at St. Mark's

Sunday 18th December

6.30 pm 9 Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 21st December

3.30pm 'Blue Christmas'

A quiet reflective service for those who might find Christmas difficult this year.

Thursday 22nd December

6.30pm A Christmas Miscellany

Wear your Christmas Jumper! (See page 27)

Friday 23rd December

10am to noon Christmas Messy Church

All are welcome (See page 27)

Christmas Eve

Christingle services at 3pm and 5pm

(See page 26)

Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day 10.30am

Family Communion

Do bring along an opened Christmas present!

No midweek service on 28th December and said service on 1st January at 10.30am. No 8am that day.

Getting to know you....

When you attend St Mark's Church, you will notice that a number of people can be seen on a regular basis, making sure that the church and services run smoothly - and that is apart from the vicar herself! We thought it be a lovely idea to find out a little more about them, and in general about other members of our church community. In this issue of The Moving Church News **we would like to introduce you to..... Chris Reeks,**



How long have you been a member of St Mark's Church?

For nearly forty years - I started coming regularly when our eldest child Daniel was baptised. Our children David and Suzy and our grandsons Ronnie and Roman were also baptised here. I've been Parish Administrator for six years. St Mark's feels like my second home!

What do you like about it?

It's a very welcoming and supportive church.

What was the best part of any job you have done and why?

When I was clerk to the Adoption Panel at Bromley Council, being present when couples who had been approved as adopters were told that their match with a child had been agreed. It was a privilege to be part of that special moment – and very emotional.

What was the worst and why?

When clerking other meetings I didn't like setting up any IT equipment needed. I dreaded the embarrassment in case it didn't work properly.

If you had to recommend a book to someone, what would it be?

'Far from the Madding Crowd' by Thomas Hardy.

What film or television programme have you watched the most and why?

One TV programme I enjoy watching is 'Doc Martin' which is filmed in Port Isaac in Cornwall where I've been many times on holiday. The scenery is beautiful and the stories always have a good ending. The film I particularly enjoy watching is "Dirty Dancing". I love the music - and the dancing!

If you were stranded on a desert island, what would your luxury item be?

It might not really be classed as a luxury but I'd like to have an unlimited supply of paper and pencils. I've always imagined I could write a book and I could also practice drawing - I'm not very artistic and failed my Art O' Level! (If I found a bottle I could always write an SOS to put inside!)

Favourite meal?

Roast dinners – they bring back happy memories of Sunday lunches when I was a child.

Favourite song/piece of music?

'Can't help falling in love' by Elvis Presley.

What would you say was the one thing you would like to have changed in your life and why?

I really can't think of anything.

Who would you say has had the most influence on your life and why?

My dad - he was a wonderful example of a hard-working, honest, kind and loving man.

What was the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Count your Blessings.

If you had to give one piece of advice to a young person today, what would it be? *Be kind.*

Tell us a joke!

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News Round Up from Melanie & Sophie the Independent Councillor Team

Wow and 6 months have passed since May 5th 2022!

So what have we been up to? There is too much to say! A small snapshot tells you that.....

We continue with our monthly open advice sessions in the Cockpit Room upstairs in the Library between 5pm and 6 pm on the 1st Friday of the month, each and every month. Sometimes we sit and twiddle our thumbs, other times we are busy offering advice, assistance and support on a host of matters including planning, low flying planes and overgrown trees. You do not have to wait for a surgery you can contact us anytime using the contact details noted below.

We worked hard in securing a large grant of money to assist with putting on the now famous Jubilee Party on Main Road, and then organising, with Reverend Alison, a small service in September to mourn the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II at the War Memorial.

Dare we mention, roadworks? We work closely with our highway Officers at the Council in trying to co-ordinate the ongoing and frequent works required to mend leaks and attend to gas and electric supplies. We have had meetings, supported by our M.P. Gareth Bacon with Thames Water and are hopeful that the new air valves fitted will provide some respite from the constant need to dig up our roads. And of course we provide notification of local works via our facebook page as and when we receive them.

Talking roads... we have undertaken several reviews of resident requested dangerous parking spots and implemented restrictive parking measures where appropriate. However, it must be remembered if parking gets controlled in one place, the same vehicles will only park in another spot, maybe causing just as much mayhem. A true balancing act!

And of course we continue to work with all the local organisations, associations, church and youth groups in and around Biggin Hill. If you think that you may benefit from our support please do contact us, we are always happy to meet!

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Baby & Toddler Group

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- Thurs 19th January – Watts Gallery, Guildford £33pp
- Wed 25th January – Tenterden Museum + Tenterden £34pp
- Wed 8th February – Orchids at Kew Gardens – £36pp
- Thurs 10th February – A Day at Greenwich £22pp
- Fri 24th February – Snowdrops at Igham Mote £31.50pp
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All places must be booked in advance. For more information, please call us on 01959 577400 or email bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com.

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Our sorting office went onto 'Christmas Pressure' on the first Monday of December, this meant working from 5am until late in the evening. There were two deliveries, one morning and one afternoon five days a week with one delivery on Saturday. The early shift started at 4.30 am; the duty van driver opened the gates to the sorting office and then proceeded by van to Westerham, to pick up the mail for our office. The van arrives back at Biggin Hill sorting office just before five am at about the same time as the rest of the staff arrive. There were nine postmen and a postman higher-grade, and all had to give a hand to unload the van (a Morris Minor), there were on a normal week on average four or five bags of letters and the same number of parcel sacks, plus sealed bags for the military at RAF Biggin Hill, but with Christmas Pressure the amount of mail increased by the day.

With the arrival of the early morning mail van which was overflowing with mailbags of Christmas cards, letters and parcels that were then piled on the floor in the sorting office, you could hardly move and it would be like this every day until Christmas Eve when it all had to be delivered before the afternoon of the 24th. During this busy period we had help from casual workers. The casuals were all local teenagers or students and some came from the military families. Each postman who had a walk had one or two casuals depending on the size of the walk and the terrain. The postmen on bicycles and on van deliveries had to manage by themselves. We sorted everything by hand. The Christmas cards and letters went into the main frame and packets and parcels went into sacks which hung from a metal frame in the middle of the room; each sack was allocated to a specific round. A normal weekly round could be set within an hour but during Christmas we could be two or three hours setting out a round. Each round was divided into roads starting from the top left pigeon hole to the bottom right pigeonhole. During Christmas pressure there were too many Christmas cards to fit into the pigeonholes and cards and letters and packets overflowed onto the floor and above the top of the delivery racks reaching up to the ceiling. Sometime around 8 am the casuals arrived and we started to pack the letters and packets into the delivery pouch - each bundle of letters had a number of houses or businesses tied together and each bundle was numbered with the last bundle being the highest number and the first being number one bundle. Once the casuals had set off we trundled upstairs for breakfast which was cooked by the wife of one of the postmen; it was only at Christmas time that we had a cooked breakfast.

After breakfast the postmen who had a casual to deliver their mail were allocated the job of sorting the parcels and heavy packets. You either doubled up with one of the two van drivers or you sorted out parcels to go onto the parcel carrier of a bike. One van driver delivered mail to Single

Street and the Berries Green area while the other van driver delivered and collected the Military mail at the RAF Mail Room. As a postman bike rider and if you were lucky, you got to deliver the parcels on the top of Biggin Hill if not you had to go down Polesteeple Hill or the newly widened Stock Hill, going downhill with parcels strapped to the front of your bike you had to bend your body to the side so that you could see where you were going, and hope that the brakes worked. Then you had to cycle or push a heavy metal bike around the unmade roads of the valley then push it back up the hill (what fun!) The delivery van driver and another postman would stack the Morris van full to the brim and dash around Biggin Hill, they also had to collect the mail from five Sub-Post offices and dozens of red pillar boxes, at this time of the year they were constantly brimming over with Christmas cards. Then back to the sorting office by midday when the next mail van arrived from Westerham. A quick lunch, usually a sandwich and cup of tea, and the sorting began all over again. The mail that had been collected from the sub-post offices and red pillar boxes had to be sorted and stamped with a date stamp. Any local mail went straight onto the main frame and all the outward mail put into bags ready to go to Westerham. The afternoon post went out with the casuals a lot later than normal, and it was a constant pressure to keep up with the amount of Mail! Parcels were arriving and leaving in a steady stream all day long and well into the evening. Working nineteen days without a break with long hours and the heavy mail bags plus the uneven terrain, with many unmade roads in the valley having dozens of steps up to the front doors made Christmas Pressure an exhausting time and not all the casuals made it through the first week and in a few cases the first day. Add to that, if it rained or snowed or it was cold and icy it just made things very difficult and it took effort and great dedication to work through such conditions.

At this time of year many working people would be gearing up for that Christmas office party, something that we never got to have. One Christmas I was allocated a bike duty for the whole Christmas Pressure to deliver both Christmas cards, letters, parcels and packets to the RAF officer's and airman's married quarters at the Vincent Square area by the R.A.F main gates. As an ex R.A.F man who had served at R.A.F Biggin Hill I knew my way around all the houses and also knew a few still serving members of the R.A.F. Sometimes I was invited into a few houses to have drink of brandy or whisky with a cup of coffee and bacon sandwich a slice of Christmas cake or mince pies. After a few drinks I wobbled my way around the houses, only to fall off my bike by the civilian side of the airport, (thankfully the road was narrower at that time and the traffic light) thankfully I did make it back to the office somewhat worse for wear.

Christmas Eve and the last of the Christmas cards letters and parcels were dispatched to their home address. We were all shattered postmen and casuals alike. At around 2pm the only letters and parcels left in the sorting office were classed as dead letters, these items were wrongly addressed or mis-addressed or the people had moved and not left a

forwarding address. The postmen with long memories and local knowledge would try to place the name with an long forgotten house name or surname address. If not the letters would be sent off to the dead letter office at Tonbridge. Christmas Pressure was over until next year, and we could have 2 days off then back to work to sort out the summer holiday brochures!

PS And boys and girls – don't worry as Santa has a special pigeon hole for all of your letters to him!

Neville Minto



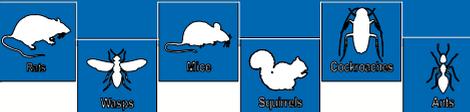
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Light up the sky with Conifers

The crisp winter blue skies provide the ideal foil to highlight the most underrated group of plants. Once sought after, conifers were ideal companions with heathers in the 70's, having lately seen a resurgence for the border or in a container.



Ranging in blues, golds, purples and shades of emerald green, conifers take centre stage during the winter. Like all evergreens, they provide colour, interest, shelter, screening, home for wildlife and a subtle charm. Colours intensify this time of year and take on a vivid, luminous hue. They also bring out the beauty of our naked trees, once in full leaf, now a sculpture of living fossils against the colourful tapestry of evergreen conifers beautifying the landscape.

Conifers have been used for centuries in gardens, providing themed rooms, boundaries and sculptured art forms known as topiary. Good examples are at Hever Castle, where yew has been the main ingredient, creating shapes and hedging for secret rooms, where the rich entertained guests, common during the Henry VIII era and beyond.



Previously the Leyland cypress was the ideal conifer, providing evergreen hedges, giving shelter and privacy, yet nobody really knew how tall they would get without considering their growth rate. They often became a victim of neighbourly arguments, ending up in courts up and down the country. Yet they did provide quick growing ideal sculptural hedges.

Bressingham Gardens in Norfolk, produced a fantastic array of colour, shapes and sizes to accompany winter and summer flowering heathers in the 70's and early 80's before the idea was replaced by new garden designs of mixed borders.

Today, conifers have become the main stay in many new landscaped gardens, accompanying a range of mixed plantings for all year-round



colour and interest. The original requirement of large stately conifers, such as Scotch pine and monkey puzzle, were planted during the Victorian and Edwardian days when owners of large estates planted up Pinetums, a collection of conifers. Of which some can be still seen today, notably Tilgate park in Crawley.

Yet, they provide interest, colour, structure and height to any landscape today. New varieties allow you to use them in any small or large garden, whether in a mixed border, among grasses, perennials or in a container. Those that

still love the majestic conifers, visit Sheffield Park for that magical display in the winter.

An excellent display of mixed planting with conifers can be seen today at RHS Wisley Gardens.

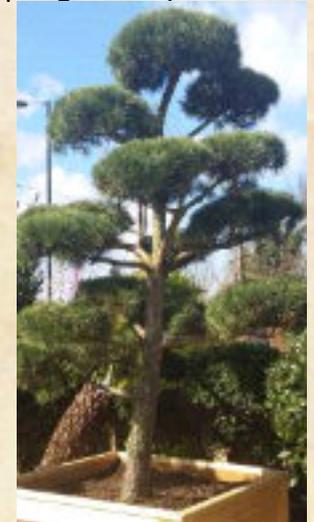
If you are worried about their size, there are plenty of dwarf species available, many tolerate trimming with a pair of shears or secateurs without cutting into the old wood. Prune in late spring or early summer before the summer growth. Those of you with artistic licence can try Niwake, a form of cloud pruning with conifers (see right)

Grow in full sun for best effects, no need for special soil needs, just a mulch in the spring to preserve moisture for the forthcoming summer. In containers, using a peat free compost, mixed with composted bark and John Innes number two, supplement with liquid feed.

Enjoy this colourful palette served this winter at gardens near you.

For more information, see our Facebook page, website below otherwise phone Nick Hagon (Chairman) between 6.30 and 9pm (01959 575799).

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Biggin Hill To Rochester On Foot

Possible, but not in one day!



In April twelve of us from St Mark's set off towards Rochester, as a pilgrimage to our cathedral. Following a route carefully planned by Mark and Anne Nash, we reached Otford having walked a good stretch of the North Downs Way. There are some great views!

The months passed without us being able to find a second date for part 2, Otford to Borough Green. And then we were stunned to hear that Mark had died; he had suffered a massive stroke on the way to work at the end of July.

Mark's funeral at church saw well over 200 family members, friends and work colleagues gather in tribute to an amazing man.



Anne agreed we should complete the Rochester walk, in memory of Mark, so at the end of October seven of us set off from Borough Green, reaching our destination a few minutes before the cathedral closed. We lit a candle for Mark and said a prayer.

Mark, we all miss you, but we know your love for God will never be extinguished.

Mark Newman

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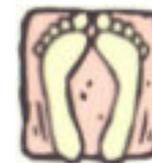
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If you would like us to pray for you, someone you know or for something that concerns you, please let us know and we will be happy to do so. In order to comply with the Data Protection Regulations, please ensure you have the permission of the person to be prayed for. Please contact the Church office. The times the office is open can be found on page four. A message can be left on the answer machine outside of these times - 01959 577816

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's Vicarage, 10, Church Road, Biggin Hill, Kent TN16 3LB

WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER

BIGGIN HILL MEMORIAL MUSEUM

12 DECEMBER - 14 JANUARY
Museum Closure
The museum will be closed from Monday 12th December and will reopen on Saturday 14th January.
During this time, we plan to work on our gallery space and tell new stories to explore RAF Biggin Hill, the Battle of Britain and World War Two.
We look forward to welcoming you back in January.
For further details about all of our events and how to book, please visit our website bhmm.org.uk/events/

10 DECEMBER
Christmas Concert 3pm - 5pm
Join us for our Christmas concert in St George's RAF Chapel of Remembrance.
We will be singing songs from the past and Christmas songs and carols.
Mince pies and mulled wine will be served during the interval.
To reserve your place please contact Katie - director@bhmm.org.uk

Every Wednesday (except school holidays) 10.30am - 12pm
Mini Cadets at The Nightingale Cafe
Join us every Wednesday for our play and exploration session for under 5s and their grown ups.
Every Wednesday 2.30pm
Join Andy (BHMM volunteer) for his talk about the life of Winston Churchill and his role in developing defences at RAF Biggin Hill.

Every Friday 11.30am
Join Aiden (BHMM volunteer), for his talk on a variety of topics.



For more information, please contact Katie: director@bhmm.org.uk
Visit our website: bhmm.org.uk
Biggin Hill Memorial Museum, Main Road, Kent TN16 3EJ



Wedding Blessing

Chido and Clive Mupati had a wedding blessing in St. Mark's Church on Monday 24th October

Christingle Services

3pm and 5pm Christmas Eve



All donations from the Christingle services are for the benefit of the Children's Society. It is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. It supports them through their most serious life challenges and campaigns tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most. It has been doing this for 140 years and promises it won't stop until it has built a society where hope is alive in every child.

Planting for the beds at the front of St Mark's



The flower beds at the front of St Mark's Church were in need of replanting and so the team got to work. The previous beds needed completely emptying of any plants, rotavating, enriching with new soil and levelling. The new planting is more of a cottage garden effect with the plants to be a mixture of colours, evergreen where possible, giving colour all year, perennial with minimum care, robust, drought resistant, bee/butterfly friendly, not growing too tall, fragrant, hardy and including spring bulb planting. Otherwise we could have chosen any plants! We have covered the open soil with bark chippings to reduce

weeds and are looking forward to seeing the results in the spring. All this was made possible by the sponsorship of the family of Margaret Howe, a long time member of St Mark's Church, who passed away this year. We are certain that Margaret would have been very pleased with the result!

Christingle wordsearch

We hope you're as excited as we are to celebrate this year.
Can you find all the Christingle words hidden below?

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- Orange
- Ribbon
- Candle
- Church
- Light
- Hope
- Community

A Christmas Miscellany

Thursday 22nd December - Starting at 6.30pm

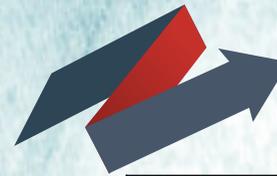
A time to have fun and celebrate the meaning of Christmas with Carols, Readings, Poems and drama. Please come wearing your Christmas Jumpers or other festive wear

Christmas Messy Church

Friday 23rd December 10am to noon
Just Christmas fun for all ages!

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 Biggin Hill Councillors: Melanie Stevens 07900 171266
 Sophie Dunbar 07929 365228

Biggin Hill Evening W.I. 01959 700973
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 Biggin Hill Society 01959 572569
 Biggin Hill Scout Group 07983 447721
 Bromley Council – Office Hours 0208 464 3333
 Bromley Council - Emergency out of hours 0300 303 8671
 Bromley Social Services - Emergencies only 0203 036 1574
 Bromley Assoc. for People with Disabilities (BATH) 0208 663 3345
 Childline (confidential helpline for children) 0800 1111 (24 hr)
 Citizen's Advice Bureau (Bromley) 0208 315 1940
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 Electrical power cut - to be connected to the local network operator 105
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 GAS Emergency 24 hr freephone 0800 111 999
 National Childbirth Trust (Biggin Hill) 01959 572209 or 01959 701765
 New Life Church 01959 571667
 NHS help line when you need medical advice 111
 Police: Non Emergency Reporting 101
 Local Safer Neighbourhood Team: 020 8721 2820
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 Schools - Biggin Hill Primary 01959 575846
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Keeping up with everything at St. Mark's.

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