



# PEW NEWS

September 2010

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## COFFEE IN WESTWELL

Coffee at The Wheel Inn will next be served on Friday 3rd September from 10.30am until 11.45am. Absolutely everyone is welcome. The more the merrier! Before coffee, there will be a short service of Holy Communion in Westwell Church at 10am, for those who would like to come.

## G7 EVENSONG AT WESTWELL

Our first-Sunday G7 Evensong in September will be at Westwell at 6pm on Sunday 5th September. Evensong is a lovely way to end a late summer Sunday, so come along!

## HOTHFIELD COFFEE MORNING

The monthly free coffee and cake (and company too) will next be served in Hothfield Village Hall on Tuesday 7th September between 10.30am and 11.30am. Why not pop along?

## PLUCKLEY MEETING PLACE

... next opens on Tuesday 14th September between 10am and noon.

Everyone is very welcome, so call in at Pluckley Church and enjoy a cup of coffee and homemade biscuits and cakes for just 50p!

## HARVEST SERVICES

The dates and times of our Harvest services are as follows:

- Charing:  
Sunday 3rd October at 10.30am
- Charing Heath:  
Sunday 3rd October at 9.30am
- Egerton:  
Sunday 10th October at 11am
- Hothfield:  
Sunday 3rd October at 6pm
- Little Chart:  
Sunday 26th September at 11am
- Pluckley:  
Sunday 10th October at 11am
- Westwell:  
Sunday 3rd October at 11am

## THE FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

... on Saturday 11th September 2010

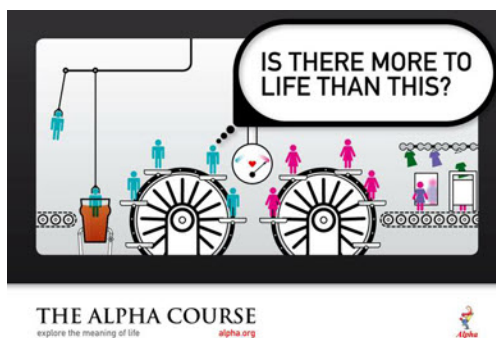
- Raise money for your church or chapel
- Get sponsored and visit as many churches as possible on the day by bike (or walking)
- All denominations welcome
- £2.2 million raised in Kent so far

To find out more about please visit:

[www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/bike\\_ride.php](http://www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/bike_ride.php)

St Margaret's Church, Hothfield will be open from 10am to 5pm to welcome you. We will be offering drinks and cakes to all the cyclists, and cakes and drinks for sale to anyone who would like to visit our beautiful 13th century church and see the recent changes.

## ALPHA IS BACK!



approximately 45 minutes, we discuss it in small groups around the meal tables, with coffee and sometimes more, before finishing promptly at 9.30pm

The venue is Charing Church Barn.

As we near the beginning of this, our fourth autumn Alpha Course, we look forward to the same heady mixture of good food, good company and good discussion.

This year the Alpha Course is being held on a Wednesday evening, beginning on September 29th.

The evening begins with a meal at 7pm for those who wish it, and following that week's course presentation which lasts for

We also hope to run a day-time Alpha Course too. Please enquire if this would be of interest to you.

The course is free (although we do ask for a contribution to the cost of the meal). To book your place, or for further information, please call:

Caroline Asteraki-Speer on: 01233 714028 or email to: [Caroline@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk](mailto:Caroline@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk)

Please send any items for inclusion in Pew News to Tim at [pewnews@g7churches.co.uk](mailto:pewnews@g7churches.co.uk)  
NB the copy deadline date for the October issue is 19th September

## EGERTON CHURCHYARD

Can the other G7 churches pass on their experiences of churchyard management please?

- Do you have volunteer mowers?
- Do you pay for mowing or strimming?
- Do you leave wildlife areas?
- How is this received among the congregation?

All contributions, to Linde, member@theolddairy21.freeserve.co.uk, welcome!

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## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Alan Wait is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 28th September to 7th October.

If you are interested in this pilgrimage and would like to know more please contact Alan on 01233 820529 (pamalanwait@hotmail.co.uk).

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## FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HOTHFIELD — HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper will take place in Hothfield Village Hall on Saturday 2nd October, at 7pm. Tickets to be sold at the Hothfield Post Office: £6 for Adults, £3 for children under 10. For further information, please phone Pat Warren 01233 612265 or Sue Patten 01233 620880

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## WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

We have very kindly been invited to join the parishioners of Smeeth Church in their Week of Accompanied Prayer, from the 10th - 16th October.

A Week of Accompanied Prayer is an opportunity to recharge your spiritual batteries by meeting daily with a prayer guide. The cost will be about £25.

If you would like to find out more about a Week of Accompanied Prayer, then do get in touch with Lindsay.

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## BRIDGE DRIVE — EGERTON

Come and enjoy an afternoon of bridge with delicious home-made tea, on Wednesday 27th October at Egerton Millennium Hall and help raise funds for St James Church at the same time.

The cost is £8 pp (£32 per table) – please bring your own table, cloth and cards. To book a table contact Jennie White on 01233 756747 or Jane Harman 01233 756124.

## BISHOP'S DAY FOR LAITY — SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Dear Colleagues

I am much looking forward to the time which we will be able to spend together at St Paul's Maidstone on Saturday 18 September. The theme of our day together will be building communities.

As we seek to grow the Church in Christ's name, the relationships which we develop within the wider community become evermore important. Robert Warren in his work on 'Growing Healthy Churches', rightly remarks that each of us already knows that person who, with encouragement, might become a disciple of Jesus Christ. Our responsibility and work is to open up a conversation such that that person might experience something of the Christian life, which will open up the way of discipleship. The reality is that each of us gifted by God has a part to play in this vital work. September 18th will give us, I hope, an opportunity to get to know each other better and to release those gifts in each other which are, if you like, God's energy for the work he entrusts to us to do in his name. I hope therefore that the day will have much fun in it as well, of course, as some determined work!

Please put the date in your diary and more importantly perhaps encourage others to come with you. When St Paul speaks of the church as being the body of Christ, he is speaking directly to us in the diocese and to each community which Sunday by Sunday, week by week, seeks to bear witness to the wider world of God's love for us all.

Details of the day and an online booking form can be found on our website at: [www.canterburydiocese.org/bishopsdayforlaity](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/bishopsdayforlaity). [On the G7 website are a poster and a flyer that you may print off.] If you would like the diocese to send multiple copies of the poster and flyer for your church, please contact Diocesan House – [reception@diocant.org](mailto:reception@diocant.org) or 01227 459401.

With my prayers and best wishes  
+Trevor

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## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Each month we feature a newly-published book. This month, the chosen title is *Virtue Reborn* by Tom Wright.

What am I here for? How should I behave? Tom Wright tackles this fundamental challenge for Christians with characteristic clarity and verve. Following on from his popular best-selling books *Simply Christian* and *Surprised by Hope* he sees the goal in terms of the whole new creation, with humans renewed to look after it. He explores the way

to become fully human, and to discover an authenticity and conformity with God's purposes, which is available no other way.

'Here is deep Christian wisdom for a bewildered age.' (John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford).

Tom Wright is currently Bishop of Durham and a distinguished New Testament scholar, but will become Research Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at St Andrew's Fife, next month.

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## THE DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY E-BULLETIN

'The e-bulletin aims to provide information to connect and resource all those involved in Anglican churches and related organisations across the Diocese.'



You can see the e-bulletin or sign up to receive it via our website, [www.g7churches.co.uk](http://www.g7churches.co.uk)

## GREEN SEVEN

In G7 we have a small but enthusiastic Green Group, who have passed on the following information.

Did you know that, from Ashford Borough, tins go to Tenterden for initial processing and then to British Steel; paper goes to Aylesford for newsprint and other paper products; glass goes to Dagenham for initial processing and then to a Yorkshire glass factory (with surplus green glass being used on the roads).

Recycling produces valuable materials and revenue (apparently Egerton receives about £3000 per year for collected material), reduces landfill, incineration, and pollution, and saves finite resources.

If you want to know more about the Green Group, then please contact:  
Peta Maidment on 01233 713495

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## DAILY PRAYER IN SEPTEMBER

### Preparation

*Light a candle and spend a few moments remembering that your heavenly Father is with you and loves you.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;  
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.  
*Psalm 143.10*

### Praise

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a Way as gives us breath,  
such a Truth as ends all strife,  
and such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a Light as shows a feast,  
such a Feast as mends in length,  
such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a Joy as none can move,  
such a Love as none can part,  
such a Heart as joys in Love.

*George Herbert (1633)*

### Bible Reading

*Use the Bible passage suggested on the back page.*

### Response

Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.  
I came that they might have life and have it abundantly.  
*John 10.7,10b*

## CONFIRMATION

If you would like to be confirmed, or discuss what this means, then please get in touch with one of the G7 ministers as soon as possible.

The Confirmation Service will be on Monday 18th October in Charing Church at 7.30pm and preparation sessions will begin shortly.

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## G7TEEN

G7Teen is the name of our Christian-based youth group for 11 – 14 year olds.

G7Teen meets every Sunday in term-time 6.30 – 8pm in Charing Barn. On the last Sunday of the month we go on an outing.

The group is open to anyone from the Parishes of Westwell, Charing, Charing Heath, Little Chart, Hothfield, Egerton and Pluckley. For more information please get in touch with Mim Oliver ([mimoliver@g7churches.co.uk](mailto:mimoliver@g7churches.co.uk)).

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## GIFT — GIRLS IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

GIFT is the new name for our ladies-only Christian group. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in different venues around the G7 parishes and a friendlier bunch it would be hard to find.

Each meeting begins at 7.45pm and concludes with Compline at 9.30pm.

For further information please contact:  
Dawn Stamper on 01233 756109.

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### Prayers

*Pray for your family and friends and for the people and places in the world around you about which you are concerned. If you are saying your prayers in the evening, recall what has happened to you today and thank God for his care of you. Tell him what you have done wrong and then pause in quiet to receive and accept God's forgiveness. Bring to God someone you have met or remembered today and for whom you want to pray. Bring to God someone who is hurting and needs your prayer.*

### Collect

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Benedict of Nursia (c.550)*

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### The Conclusion

May God kindle in us the fire of love.  
Amen.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

### Snapshots of Jesus in Luke

- 1st Luke 3:10-14
- 2nd Luke 4:28-32
- 3rd Luke 6:1-5
- 4th Luke 6:39-42
- 5th Luke 7:11-15
- 6th Luke 12:49-53
- 7th Luke 8:22-25
- 8th Luke 12:32-36
- 9th Luke 18:10-14
- 10th Luke 7:18-23
- 11th Luke 11:42-54
- 12th Luke 24:28-32

### Letters to Asia Minor:

#### Colossians and Philemon

- 13th Colossians 1:3-10
- 14th Colossians 1:15-20
- 15th Colossians 1:24-27
- 16th Colossians 2:6-10
- 17th Colossians 2:16-22
- 18th Colossians 3:1-16
- 19th Colossians 3:18-25
- 20th Colossians 4:2-6
- 21st Philemon 3-7
- 22nd Philemon 8-12
- 23rd Philemon 13-16
- 24th Philemon 17-20
- 25th Philemon 21-25

### Words of Commitment

- 26th Deuteronomy 26:17-19
- 27th Ruth 1:15-17
- 28th John 15:9-12
- 29th John 15:13-16
- 30th John 6:53-56

*Above are short passages of the Bible allocated to each day of the month. These are ideal for anybody wanting to spend time with God each day to deepen their faith and knowledge of the Bible. Booklets to accompany the Bible readings are available from the Bible Reading Fellowship. These contain an explanatory comment and a prayer or thought for the day and are published quarterly at a cost of £3.80 per quarter. Please visit the BRF website or contact Lindsay if you would like to place an order.*

### CAN WE HELP?

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The Reverend Philip Cox  
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## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Charing:** The Eucharist 9.30am  
Re: fresh All-Age Worship (Church) 11am

**Charing H:** Holy Communion 8am  
Open Doors All-Age Service 9.30am

**Egerton:** The Eucharist 9.30am

**Hothfield:** The Eucharist 9.30am

**Pluckley:** The Eucharist 11am

**Westwell:** Family Service 11am  
G7 Evensong 6pm

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Charing:** Holy Communion 8am  
The Eucharist 9.30am  
Re: fresh All-Age Worship (Barn) 11am

**Charing H:** Open Doors  
All-Age Service 9.30am

**Egerton:** Holy Communion 8am

Family Service 11am

**Hothfield:** The Eucharist 11am

**Pluckley:** Holy Communion 8am

Family Service 11am

**Westwell:** The Eucharist 9.30am

**EVERY TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER:** Charing: Holy Communion 9am  
**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Charing H: Holy Communion 10.30am  
*followed by coffee in The Red Lion*

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Westwell: Iona Communion 10am  
*followed by coffee in The Wheel Inn*

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Charing:** Holy Communion 8am  
Family Eucharist 9.30am  
Re: fresh All-Age Worship (Barn) 11am

**Charing H:** Open Doors  
All-Age Service 9.30am

**Egerton:** The Eucharist 9.30am

**Pluckley:** The Eucharist 9.30am

**Hothfield:** Family Service 11am

**Westwell:** Holy Communion 8am

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**Charing:** Holy Communion 8am  
The Eucharist 9.30am  
Re: fresh All-Age Worship 11am (Barn)

**Charing H:** Open Doors  
All Age Service 9.30am

**Egerton:** Holy Communion 8am  
Matins 11am

**Hothfield:** Holy Communion 9.30am

**Little Chart:** Harvest Eucharist 11am

**Pluckley:** Iona Eucharist 11am

**Westwell:** The Eucharist 9.30am

## BISHOP TREVOR TO G7

Good news! Bishop Trevor will be our celebrant and preacher at the G7 Eucharist on Sunday 31st October (All Saints Sunday). The service will be held at Pluckley at 9.30am and more information will be circulated next month.

*We now have gluten free wafers available at services of Holy Communion and The Eucharist. Please would you let the minister know before the service if you would like a gluten free wafer.*

## TO ALL WHO READ IN CHURCH

If you have access to the Internet, you might like to know that the Sunday readings are listed on the G7 web site. So if you've lost the note you made of your reading, simply visit the G7 web site ([www.g7churches.co.uk](http://www.g7churches.co.uk)).

## TRAINING COURSES FOR PARISH OFFICERS 2010

These workshops aim to help Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries and PCC Treasurers learn more about their roles and legal responsibilities. For more details please refer to the news and events page of our website.

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