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The Minister's letter this month comes from
Rev Lindsay Hammond

At the beginning of the month of November is All Saints' Sunday. There is an evocative aspect to this time of year as autumn dies into winter, when the light is eclipsed and the first frosts come. It can be a forlorn season when spirits are low and summer a beautiful but fading memory. The solstice beckons, and dark times, and perhaps forebodings about what another year may bring: for our world, for our society, for ourselves.



Yet we know within ourselves that the turning of the year tells a truth about the transience of things, the necessity of dying, our own mortality. The Christian and civic calendars echo this time of fall and of loss with the commemoration of the dead on All Souls' Day, followed by Remembrance Sunday not long after. Yet November includes within it the joyful celebration of All Saints and is swiftly followed by the exquisite season of longing and expectancy which is Advent. Winter, for those who take the Christian year seriously, is not only a time for the burning of the leaves but for the rising of the sap; of light penetrating the darkness of this world, of grace and truth ordering our wayward human lives, of love everlasting transfiguring our loneliness, struggle and pain. It is a time to rediscover hope. Hope is in short supply right now. It is as if many different kinds of turbulence have come together to make things appear even more precarious than they were before. The recognition of how close we are to irreversible climate change, the relentless conflict tearing apart the Middle East, the failure of powerful wealthy nations to make lasting inroads into global poverty. If the church can speak a single word into this state we are in, it must surely be hope: daring to look both into ourselves and beyond ourselves for the power to give us back our dignity, rebuild fragmented societies and mend a broken world. And if hope is needed to transform the big story of the world and its future, it is also needed to transform the little stories of our personal lives and relationships. I say little: but they are not little to us. Physical or mental illness, ageing, misfortune, broken relationships, addictive behaviour, unhealed memories, loss: these are our personal equivalents of the global threats that on good days we try to pretend are not as bad as we had feared, and on less good days have the capacity to paralyse us with the thought that one day this little light of ours will be put out for ever.

We find hope by living the new life God offers us in Jesus, to find that the ordinariness of life becomes something extraordinary because we learn to see





God and bless him in it all. The November feast of All Saints is about who and what we are as the people of God, faithfully following Jesus, speaking his words of truth and love, living in the strength of God as points of inspiration and challenge in a world that has so little time for him. The secret is to live out of gratitude for the love of God that made us and redeems us and sustains us.

With every good wish

Lindsay



St Peter and St Mary Flower Rotas October 2024

Sunday	St Mary	St Peter
Nov 03	Sue C REMEMBRANCE	Sally Manford
Nov 10	Rosemary Izod	Rosie Edmonds
Nov 17	Sylvia K	Rosie Edmonds
Nov 24	Sylvia K	Rosie Edmonds
Contact:	Sylvia Kellett 01580 240463 Sylviakellett@eplusmail.com	Rosie Edmonds 01797 252196 rosie.edmonds@hotmail.com

Brass Cleaning at St Mary: Patrick Izod

St. Peter's Church: normally open between 10.00 and 5.00pm. If you need access outside of these times, please contact Frances Jones or Rosie Edmonds. Should arrangers be unable to do any slots please swap with someone else and let Rosie know.

Thank you to all our Harvest Arrangers for your seasonal decorations in both churches, they are much appreciated by all of us.

❖ From the Registers ❖

Baptism

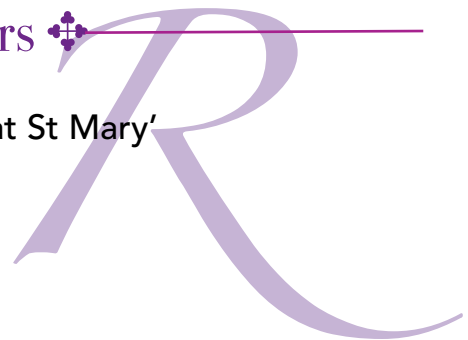
22nd September – Harriet Elizabeth Robson - at St Mary's

Funeral

11th October – Peter Austen - at St Mary's

Interment of Ashes

12th October – John Russell Hoyle – St Mary's





Service of Light Sunday November 24th 3pm

At this service, people of the communities of Rolvenden and Newenden, who have died since the end of November 2022, will be remembered by name, and by the lighting of a candle.

We are very happy to commemorate other people who have died. If you would like someone dear to you to be included.

Please contact Judy: 01580 241504 judyannvinson@gmail.com

Remembrance Day 2024 in Rolvenden

Rolvenden once again remembers the fallen of the two World Wars and all conflicts before and since at our annual Remembrance Day service on Sunday, 10th November.

The service starts at 10:45 am and will be led by Henry Setright.

Village clubs, societies, businesses and private individuals who have previously laid wreaths have already been contacted. If you would like to lay one this year, please purchase your own wreath as the bulk order purchase has already been arranged, and email your details to the organiser.

For those laying wreaths please note that there is a practice in the church at 1800 on Friday 8 November

For those wishing to walk to church with the Royal British Legion, please assemble at the Bull by 10:20 on Sunday to move off shortly thereafter.

Edward Barham

Chairman, Rolvenden RBL edwardbarham@holepark.com



The Church of England

IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY SERVICES
IN CHURCH AND ONLINE DURING NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd November: All Saints Day/All Souls

8am St Mary's Rolvenden
Holy Communion
9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Celtic Morning Prayer

Friday 8th November 10:50 Rolvenden School Act of Remembrance, War Memorial

Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday

10:50am St Peter's Newenden
Remembrance Sunday Service
10:45am St Mary's Rolvenden
Remembrance Sunday Service

Monday 11th November 10:50 Act of Remembrance Tenterden War Memorial

Sunday 17th November: Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
The Eucharist
11:00am St Mary's Rolvenden
Matins

6pm Choral Evensong on the feast of St Cecilia (St Mary's)

Sunday 24th November: First Sunday before Advent

9.30am St Peter's Newenden
Celtic Morning Prayer
11am St Mary's Rolvenden
The Eucharist

3pm Service of Light (St Mary's)

4pm Churches Together Evening Service

(Church on the Weald at Tenterden Primary School)

And services during the week:

Beginning the Day with God

A ten-minute reflective service, **online only** from Monday to Saturday.

Ending the Day with God

A ten-minute reflective service, **online only** from Monday to Saturday.

Holy Communion

Will be celebrated at St Michael's every Wednesday
and at Tenterden every Thursday. Both celebrations will begin
at 10am and last about twenty-five minutes

These services will not appear online.

To access our daily online worship visit:

YouTube St Mildred's, Tenterden

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBAbfTcsSiiq4HALM0GRdWg>

Online services:

can also be accessed through the daily bulletin, **Connect Up!**

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Upcoming Fundraising Events for Rolvenden Primary School

We are excited to announce two special events this winter to raise funds for Rolvenden Primary School. These events are a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and support our village school while enjoying a great time together.

Auction of Promises

Join us for an exciting Auction of Promises hosted by Steve Bryant of Grounds Care and General Services Ltd. With over 30 fantastic lots available, this promises to be an evening filled with fun and generosity.

We are looking for more promises! From bottles of wine to tickets to events we are hopeful to have a range of promises. If you are able to donate we would be very grateful, please contact smorgan@rolvenden.kent.sch.uk or fclifford@rolvenden.kent.sch.uk for more information.

- **Date:** Saturday, 30th November – from 7:00pm
- **Location:** Rolvenden Village Hall
- **Details:** A cash bar will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend and bid on a wide range of promises. Come along and help raise vital funds for our school!



Christmas Tractor Run

Celebrate the festive season with the Christmas Tractor Run, organised by Eddie and Rosie Tompsett. Decorated tractors will light up the village as they parade through the High Street, with fun activities at The Star pub afterwards. For more information please contact Rosie on 07826 364356.

- Date: Saturday, 21st December – from 5:30pm
- Meeting Point: The Ewe and Lamb Pub, Layne
- Details: The evening kicks off with a festive drink at the Ewe and Lamb, followed by the tractor parade through the High Street. Afterwards, join us at The Star for a children's grotto, light-up toys, and a festive barbecue. It's sure to be a magical evening for all!

We have been astounded by the incredible support from the community so far. If you are unable to attend either event but would still like to make a personal pledge, please visit <https://rolvenden.kent.sch.uk/fundraising/>.

Both events are fantastic opportunities to come together as a community and support the School. Every penny raised will go towards enhancing the facilities, ensuring a bright future for our local children. Keep an eye on our website & social media for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to the family of the late Peter Austen for their generous collection at his service in aid of the school. Long may the gardens grow in your memory, Peter.

Caught in the Act!

It was a delight last Sunday morning to spot Olive Austen coming across the road with her latest post box topper. It's been a while since we have seen her amazing creations, produced with love skill and humour with the simple aim of surprising the children. It's not only children who notice – I am just one of many passers-by who smile and so do the postmen and women who get to empty the Layne box.

Thank you Olive!



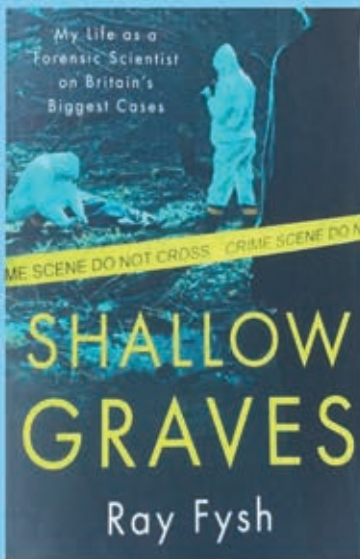


Friends of St Peter's Church Newenden

First Thursday Talk

12 Noon Thursday Date

in St Peter's Church, Newenden



The Murder of Billie-Jo Jenkins

Ray Fysh

Ray was a forensic scientist for over 40 years, the last fifteen as a Specialist Adviser (Major Crime). This role meant he was an integral part of the police investigation team from day one of an enquiry right through to the trial.

The talk this year will discuss the investigation into the 1997 murder of Hastings teenager, Billie-Jo Jenkins.

Ray lives locally and his book 'Shallow Graves – My life as a forensic scientist on Britain's biggest cases' is a best seller and is available from all major suppliers – he will willingly sign your book if you so wish.

Ray was shortlisted for the True Crime Awards 2023 as best new true crime author.

The First Thursday talks last for about 45 minutes. Entrance is free but the Friends welcome donations.

And after the talk you might like to have lunch at the White Hart Inn or at Nibbles.

Please note, the White Hart car park is for patrons of the pub – you can come to the talk and then patronise the pub, but, to avoid a fine, please do remember to drop into the bar and register your vehicle before you come across the road to the church.

There is no First Thursday Talk in January but the 24/25 season will be back for February and March 2025



Newenden Village Sign

Newenden village sign was designed and made by our then resident sculptor Anne North to celebrate the millennium twenty-four years ago. It was a step away from the usual village signs that you see around the country and is based on the carved images which decorate the ancient stone font in our village church of St. Peter.

The sign is an inverted oak triangle carved to represent the water of the river Rother, the cricket balls and bat to represent Newenden's intriguing connection to the game of cricket and at the bottom, the keys of St. Peter. Within the triangle is the carved image of a mythical beast with lionlike head, wings and a fish-like tail. Astride the beast is a figure representing a child of the future, looking out into the distance. These figures were colourfully painted at the time of making, and due to the effect of the weather, the sign becomes in need of a repaint every ten or twelve years or so.

This year it was discovered that the original oak post on which the sign resides, was rotting badly at the bottom, and had to be taken down. Dave and Lewis Wheeler found a handsome oak post to replace it and while it was down, Jillian Eldridge had the pleasure of repainting it.

The sign is now back in place in all its colourful glory, and the residents of Newenden are rightly proud to see it standing there as they go about their lives. Thanks go to Anne North for her artistic vision and skill which has continued to give us villagers such pleasure over the years, and for many more to come.



NEWENDEN ART EXHIBITION

Wednesday 4th December, 7pm
THE WHITE HART, NEWENDEN



Over Summer 2024, 3 local artists were commissioned to create works about Newenden. Join us on Wednesday 4th December at The White Hart for mulled wine, mince pies and music to celebrate Newenden and its talented residents:

Jillian Eldridge — Oil on Canvas

Elizabeth Norris — Photography

Anthony Dawson — Folk tunes

Prints (signed by the artists) and other items will be available to purchase.

WILLKIN OF THE WEALD TUNE: TRAD. WORDS A.W. DAWSON

WE ARE THE MEN OF AN-DREDES WEALD, WE LIVE BY OUR WITS WE
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HATE THE FRENCH AND WE KILL THEM TOO. WERE FROM TENTERDEN, FROM
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Rolvenden Warm Hub

Rolvenden's Warm Hub is back in The Star pub. If you are struggling to heat your home or simply feeling isolated during the grey days of winter, you are welcome in the Star from 11am Tues to Fri, sit by the fire, enjoy a free hot cuppa, chat with friends, read the paper or play a board game, all with no obligation to make a purchase. *Alongside this community project Lyn and Yvonne have introduced their Senior Residents' Meal Offer*



In Memoriam

Following the passing of Gordon Briley in June 2024 and the subsequent memorial service for him at St Mary's in August 2024, his long-term partner, Margaret Hewett, donated a first aid kit to the Rolvenden tennis club, where they were playing members and his wheelchair to St Mary's, both in memory of Gordon.

Tim Cole, churchwarden, taking delivery of the wheelchair commented: We are very pleased to have the thoughtful donation of a fully refurbished wheelchair for the church from Margaret. Donations and support of this kind always improve the church and the environment that we offer to our visitors. As ever we are most thankful for the community and the people who are there for us. Thank you Margaret for your kind support.





Weather and Nature Notes

My little ponds water levels were getting low but are now brimming again thanks to 210mm (just over 8") of rainfall in September that I measured. That is a lot but when I looked back at my records we had more in November 2022 (230mm) and nearly as much last October (194mm.) At this transitional time of year the Autumnal mornings can be chilly but a sunny day can be very pleasant, on such a day I saw eight red admiral butterflies sipping nectar from the buddleia in the churchyard that was still in flower, along with a couple of queen bumblebees. As I write the number of British Summer Time days is dwindling and then we will soon be back to longer hours of darkness when the clocks go back.

I heard some calls from a creature that sounded somewhere between in a dispute and distress amongst some trees recently, it didn't sound quite like a rabbit screaming caught by a stoat for example. I had to investigate, as I got closer the trees were blocking my view a little, then suddenly a female sparrowhawk rose from the ground and flew away. By her take-off I would say she was carrying something, half a dozen remaining feathers answered the question as to what it was making the screaming calls. It would have been a battle of the beaks, the ferocious weapon of the sparrowhawk plus it's talons, verses the substantial retaliating pecking power of the greater spotted woodpecker. It probably didn't end well for the woodpecker, but it sounded like it put up quite a fight before my interruption.

Hawthorn berries seem in short supply this year, I have hardly seen any on my travels, hopefully farmers' will give the birds a chance to eat what few there are before they cut the hedges. On a more positive note I am seeing more craneflies (Daddy-long-legs) this year, but then numbers have to improve on



how low they have been of late. I'm guessing the moister soil this year would have helped a slow recovery after the drought of a couple of years ago. These provide an important Autumn banquet for many birds and spiders too, although I hate seeing them squirming in their webs. For those that like pollen and nectar, Ivy is a vital late source, there seems to be a good amount of its fragrant flowers about. I have seen insects attracted to it but not in the numbers I would hope this year. I always look out for a late distinctive species of solitary bee foraging on its flowers known as the ivy bee, (as picture) as it specifically emerges when their late flowers appear. At work on a section of grassy bank where there is an area of bare earth some of them nest every year, each female digs her own little tunnel in the earth to lay her eggs. On a sunny day it looks busy with them digging and coming and going provisioning the larvae with ivy pollen. When her work is done she will seal the nest hole and die, the new generation will pupate in the tunnels and not emerge until the following September.

I mentioned William Cobbett last month, who when he was travelling through Rolvenden almost 200 years ago was very complimentary about some arbutus trees (Strawberry tree) that he saw. I think he would like the tree at Maytham it looks lovely in full flower at the moment. The bunches of cream flowers are humming with queen bees and the bright red "strawberries" make a decorative splash of colour. I saw something new recently though that he certainly would not of approved of. He sympathised with the plight of agricultural workers, when protestors where damaging threshing machines etc during the Swing Riots worried about the industrialisation of farm work and job losses, he defended them. Can you imagine then what they would make of the totally autonomous tractor that has no need for a cab for a driver. It is dropped off at the field and then off it goes alone to complete its task, in the instance I saw mowing a turf crop, freeing up a worker to do another job.

Hazel Beaney





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN TENTERDEN, ROTHER AND OXNEY

APPLEDORE - EBONY - NEWENDEN - ROLVENDEN - ST MICHAEL'S
SMALLHYTHE - STONE - TENTERDEN - WITTERSHAM

One Parish, Nine Churches

The October Magazine included an article giving you something of the background to the consideration now being given to reducing the number of PCCs in the Benefice from nine to one. (See page 16 of the October issue) To ensure that any process towards a single parish is open and transparent from the outset and that all of those who live and worship in the parishes and churches, have the opportunity to be fully informed of what this involves and to ask any questions they may have, we will be delivering the identical presentation in all 9 parishes.

PLEASE ATTEND WHICHEVER MEETING IS MOST CONVENIENT TO YOU.

It may not be the one in your local church –
but you will be welcome at any of them.

■ Tuesday 5th November	7pm	Ebony Church
■ Wednesday 6th November	7.30pm	Tenterden Church
■ Thursday 6th November	7pm	Wittersham Church
■ Monday 11th November	6pm	Rolvenden Church
■ Tuesday 12th November	7.30pm	Stone-in-Oxney Church
■ Wednesday 13th November	2.30pm	Smallhythe Church
■ Wednesday 13th November	7.30pm	Appledore Church
■ Monday 18th November	7pm	St. Michael's Church
■ Monday 25th November	7pm	Newenden Church

It is really important that anyone who wishes to have a say is in receipt of the full range of information. These meetings will provide an opportunity to ask questions so that opinions can be formed based on facts, not hearsay. Therefore, if you think you want to have a say in this, please do go along to any of the meetings above.

Whilst we do not wish to rush this process, each PCC will probably be seeking to make a decision by the end of 2025 at the latest.



Update from Rolvenden Parish Council



The Parish council has continued with its program to fulfil its statutory requirements, bringing its financial and procedural processes in line with national guidance. The banking processes are almost complete, and with the correct processes now in place we have been able to ensure all outstanding creditors have been paid. This has also allowed for the purchasing and installation of necessary repairs and maintenance. The swing at Rolvenden Layne playground has now been replaced, and the chip bark and weed management of the ground surfaces brought up to standard. The ROSPA inspections have been carried out and this will allow a maintenance program to be arranged for any further issues to be corrected.

Planning issues have been limited to minor matters particularly with regard to necessary tree work. Rolvenden Club has been granted permission for change of use, unfortunately we were unable to have conditions imposed to improve the appearance and landscaping, though this is awaiting a definitive decision.

We have continued to engage with police via the neighbourhood watch and the Chief Inspector from the Community Safety Unity was due to attend the October Parish council meeting to give further updates.

*Antony Hinge,
Chairman of Rolvenden Parish Council*

Please do contact the clerk if you have any questions or suggestions for the Parish Council. Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk, email: rolvendenclerk@gmail.com Tel: 07900 693572

AUTUMN TABLETOP & CRAFT SALE

Rolvenden Village Hall Sunday 24th November 9am to 1pm
Set up from 8am

Supporting local charity - Tenterden Social Hub
Tea, Coffee and Cakes on sale

Might you be interested in having a table?

£10 per table payable in advance. To book please call 07785 747329
Household items, attic treasures, pre-loved clothes, garden items,
DIY bits, Toys, ceramics, books, plants



Rolvenden History Group

Friday, 6 December 2024

'Edwin Lutyens: At Home and Abroad' Hubert Pragnell



Hubert Pragnell will be speaking about Edwin Lutyens' architecture. He will be looking at Lutyens' international work as well as the more local buildings.

Lutyens was active in both Rolvenden - Great Maytham Hall - and Northiam - Great Dixter. This promises to be an absorbing and interesting talk which will give insights into Lutyens' creations and relationships with his clients and subjects.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Rolvenden

Coffee and biscuits

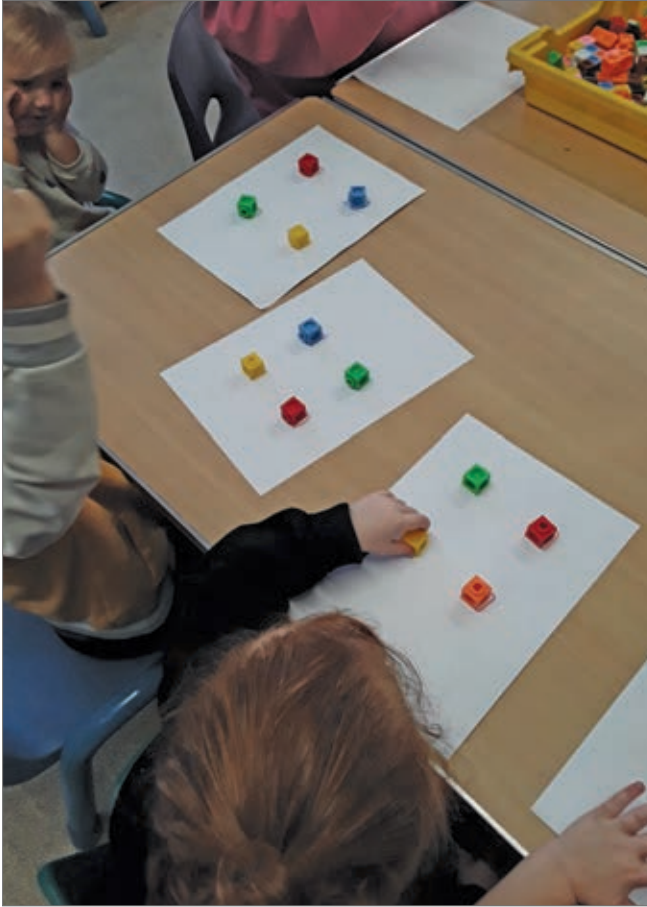
7.15pm for 7.30pm start for lecture

Everyone welcome - Non-members: £4

<https://therolvendehistorygroup.wordpress.com/>



Rolvenden Pre-School Report



During October the children enjoyed some Halloween themed craft activities and by the time you read this we will have held a fundraiser during the half term, pumpkin picking on the Primary School field. We have used fallen leaves to paint with, collected acorns for counting and painting and taken some duck food down to the pond for the local wildlife. Indoors we have been playing a game of coloured block 'bingo', which the children really enjoy. They have been busy with a variety of construction activities too, building train tracks, roads, dinosaurs, castles, slides and tunnels.

In November we will be visiting the Primary School to join Mr Heath and the Reception class in preparation for the Christmas play. This will be a lovely opportunity for us to catch up with some of our leavers from last year and for our current children to get to know the school.

We will also be hosting a Santa's grotto at the Rolvenden Festive Fayre on 16th November - we hope to see you there.

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email us on rolvendenps@gmail.com.*



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Richard



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Brussel Sprouts



Brussels sprouts are rather like marmite, you either love or hate them. I think the reason many people dislike them is that they've only had them badly cooked, namely boiled to a soggy pulp. Believe me, well-cooked they can be delicious.

They are a member of the Brassica family, they were developed from wild cabbage and most likely originated in the Mediterranean.

The sprouts as we know them today were cultivated in Belgium in the 13th century where they were grown extensively and became very popular in Brussels in the 16th century. That is possibly how they came to get their name.

They didn't become popular here until the 1800's, we now eat more here than anywhere else in Europe.

Brussels sprouts are considered a super food; they are bursting with nutritional benefits. They contain few calories but are a good source of vitamins C, K, A. Eaten raw they contain more vitamin C than the same weight of oranges. High in fibre and folic acid. Excellent source of manganese, potassium and antioxidants.

When I was growing up, Brussels sprouts were always boiled, thankfully nowadays there are many alternatives. Whichever method you choose I think they need to be served as soon after cooking as possible, they do not like to be kept warm.



There are many ingredients you can use to enhance the flavour: garlic, chilli flakes, roasted chopped pecan, hazel, walnuts or chestnuts. Sprinkle with nutmeg, thyme, chives, parsley or rosemary. The natural bitterness can be balanced by adding a little lemon juice, cider or balsamic vinegar. A splash of Worcestershire sauce is also good. Fried bacon, chorizo or pancetta are an excellent addition. Whichever method of cooking, they do not take long and it's important not to overcook them.

Roasting has become very popular as has pan frying which I like to do, unless it's for a large number, in which case I steam before tossing in olive oil, adding either orange or lemon zest and seasoning.

I do not have an air fryer but I'm told it's a great way to cook them, sprinkling with a little cornflour first gives a good crisp result.

For those who grow their own, sprouts are a vegetable that likes a hard winter. I have a farming friend who has childhood memories of dad being sent out in the snow on Christmas eve to pick the Brussels. It used to be country wisdom that you didn't pick your sprouts until they'd had the benefit of a couple of frosts. Certainly, they did taste sweeter. But with milder winters maybe these are just so many memories.

My mother used to serve steamed sprouts, tossed in butter and sprinkled with toasted breadcrumbs, this was especially good served with game.

I sometimes make a puree, adding butter and nutmeg which has been enjoyed although I was always asked what it was as the flavour was very subtle, the same goes for soup, which has been mistaken for pea, all goes to show that once the appearance is changed prejudice against the much maligned sprout has a reprieve!

Lavinia

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Get those little grey cells working

See how many words you can make out of these 9 letters.

Two rules: Only use each letter once in a word and you must use the middle one.



The Big Wrap, Food & Hygiene Bank Appeal 2024

What We Do

We support families who may be experiencing difficult times in Tenterden and the surrounding villages by providing gifts for the children of the families, festive treat items and food vouchers for a hopefully more enjoyable Christmas. For Christmas 2023 we provided for 83 families comprising 125 adults and 339 children, so we greatly appreciate all and any support.

Fundraising

This is very much an all community and local area appeal. We fundraise throughout the year and then, in collaboration with the nine benefice churches and other local churches, in November the Christmas Cheer appeal is



launched. Funds provide food vouchers and festive treat items, and we appeal for donations of gifts for children and food and hygiene bank donations.

This year money has come from individual donations, local trusts and many fundraising events at different venues. These will continue in the run up to our Big Wrap Day on 30th November in St Mildred's Church, Tenterden. Local schools also hold donation days for children to bring items in to be part of the community appeal. We collate all children's gifts donated and then wrap them to put in family Christmas sacks on Big Wrap Day where we welcome volunteer wrappers from 1pm onwards.

For more information: see Tenterden Big Wrap on Facebook or Instagram, or visit www.tenterdenbigwrap.co.uk. If you need to contact us, please message through social media or email tenterdenbigwrap@gmail.co.uk.

Here is a guide to the donations, which can come via a school or be brought to St Mildred's church on Saturday 30th November for wrapping:

■ Christmas gifts for children aged from baby to 11. For those aged 12 and over, we:

■ Welcome toiletry and cosmetic gift sets.

We suggest a spend of up to £10. Smaller items are also very welcome as we will wrap with other items to ensure everyone receives gifts of approximately the same value.

All items please to be BRAND NEW and with labels. Please kindly avoid PC games, DVD's, CD's, weapon related toys and used or damaged items thank you.

■ All gift cards are very welcome

■ Food (use by date at least March 2025) & Hygiene Bank items to include day to day essentials such as:

Flour, cereals, sugar, teabags and coffee

Tins of fish, ham, beans, ravioli, spaghetti, big soups, spam, hot dogs, and fruit, rice pudding, jams, custard etc

Rice, dry pasta and pasta sauces

Long life milk and squash/juice

Toiletries, particularly feminine hygiene products

Nappies, wet wipes and other baby essentials

■ Treat items (use by date at least March 2025)

Mince pies and Christmas puddings

Biscuits, chocolates and confectionary

■ Donations are very welcome via the QR code directly to the bank account or if you wish to make a cash donation, please put in to an envelope marked Big Wrap and give to a churchwarden.



Thank you in advance for your help and support in making Christmas a happy one for all.



Saturday night quiz in St Michaels.

Only On a Sunday...?! Month Seven - Saturday

Here we complete Jeanette's stroll through her week...

Saturday is a funny day. Sometimes it can be full on, sometimes it is very quiet! It is a day of meetings (for those groups or perhaps wedding couples who find weekdays difficult); weddings and baptisms; social events and sermons! Personally, I have always been somebody who likes to be organised well in advance. I imagined I would always have sermons complete and polished by Wednesday at the latest – but nine parishes do not afford this luxury! Sermon writing is frequently a task for a Saturday, and it has taken a whole new mindset for me to accept that it is ok to leave it so 'late'. That said, we are aware of the forthcoming readings throughout the week and will find opportunities to think on them, read about them and work out the kind of line we may want to take during the week – but invariably Saturday is when the metaphorical pen gets put to paper.

Sermons take a lot of preparation and sometimes the content just flows – but sometimes it just doesn't! And there is a variety of different types of 'sermons' to prepare. Most of our principal 9:30 and 11am services will have a full sermon lasting around ten minutes; for 8am services and Evensong we usually have a shorter three minute 'homily' – a reflection on a Bible passage. All Age services require something completely different (see below)! Some Sundays we may need to prepare two sermons (for example, recently some of our churches celebrated 'Lammis' or their patronal saint with the relevant Bible readings,



whereas other services used the readings for the 'Sunday After Trinity', the Sunday we had reached in the calendar.) If you are leading a 9:30 patronal 'Saint Peter' followed by an 11am 'Fifth Sunday After Trinity' then you need two sermons. We do look carefully at the rotas to try and avoid this as it is a lot of work – but it does happen!

Once a month on a Saturday a small team gathers to prepare for the St. Mildred's All Ages Service. We always start with a blank sheet of paper, look at the readings and potential themes, throw around some ideas and see what we can come up with! We subscribe to some excellent online resources that can help us put some flesh on our ideas but much of what we come up with is a result of bouncing ideas off one another. Once the structure is there, we allocate jobs, discuss ideas for the talk and a format for the prayers and then go our separate ways to work on our part of the service.

In the summer months weddings and baptisms frequently feature on Saturdays. These are exciting and significant events in the life of individuals and a chance to show often 'unchurched' family and friends the love of Christ in the joy of these rites of passage. Behind the scenes, months of preparation has gone on; meeting to discuss the service and its meaning in the Christian context, choosing music, constructing the order of service, and arranging organists and vergers (Caroline has some amazing systems to make sure the latter is all in place!). Then it is our privilege to share in these moments which will create lasting memories in the history of these families.

Saturday is also a day of concerts, fetes and fairs, teddy bears picnics, quizzes, duck races, bake sales, talks, parties, dances and meals. Often these have been organised by incredibly dedicated and generous groups who want to provide social or fund-raising events for their congregation or local community, and we do all we can to support them. These events are good opportunities to socialise and get to know people better - and great fun too!

So, Saturdays are probably the least predictable day of the week but certainly contain the most variety!

Jeanette

Reminder to anyone wanting to publicise an event in January '25

The next magazine will be double issue covering
December 24 and January 25.

You will have to get your copy in by November 12th

And a reminder for any Rolvenden readers who have not yet paid
the Magazine sub that was due in June...I will get round to chasing
you but it would be very helpful if you could pay now.



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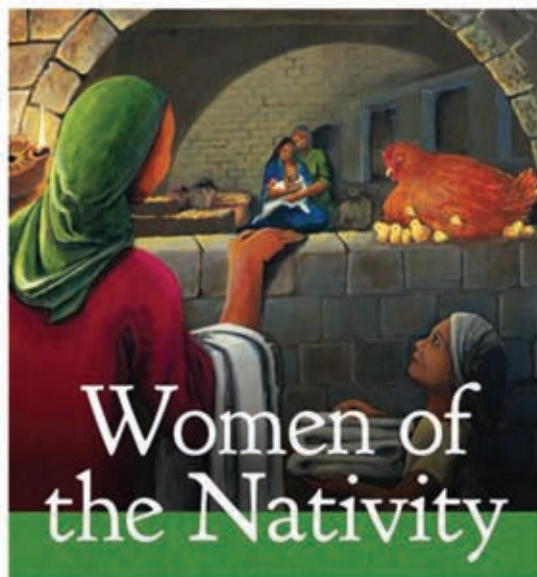
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Reflective Services for Advent and Christmas 2024

You are invited on a journey through the Advent and Christmas season of 2024 – 2025 inspired by this series of reflective services.

'Women of the Nativity' seeks to reflect on the Biblical stories surrounding the birth of Jesus from the perspective of women who were there – some are mentioned in the Bible, others are imaginary characters, ordinary women, who would have played a part in and witnessed this extraordinary story.

Our reflective services involve music, prayer and narrative and present an opportunity to use the Advent and Christmas seasons to explore personal faith, deepen relationships with God and be still in the busyness of the season. Come along to any of the services below to find out more. (It is not necessary to attend all services)



Saturday 23rd November 10:15am St. Mildred's, Tenterden. (following Churches Together Breakfast) The First Sunday of Advent - Sarah's Story

Saturday 30th November 9am St. Mary's, Ebony
The Second Sunday of Advent - Huldah's Story

Saturday 7th December 9am St. Peter's, Newenden
The Third Sunday of Advent - Abigail's Story

Saturday 14th December 9am St. Peter and St. Paul's, Appledore
The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mary's Story

Saturday 21st December 9am St. Mary's, Rolvenden
Christmas Day - Shiphrah's Story

Saturday 28th December 9am St. John the Baptist, Smallhythe
The Holy Innocents - Rachael's Story

Saturday 4th January 9am St. Mary's, Stone
The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus - Elizabeth's Story

Saturday 11th January 9am St. Michael's and All Angels, St. Michael's
The Epiphany - Mariamne's Story

Saturday 1st February 9am St. John the Baptist, Wittersham
Candlemas - Anna's Story



Your Guide to Christmas Celebrations in Rolvenden and Newenden Churches

Mary and Joseph's Journey - from 1st Dec to 24th Dec – returning after a break of several years, these two big hearted bean bags will again be travelling through the parishes on their way to the Stable in St Mary's. If you would like to offer them shelter for a night please see the Facebook group Mary and Joseph's journey. Or give Judy a call on 01580 241504.



The journey starts on Sunday December 1st at the 11:00am Morning Service and ends on Christmas Eve, 24th December at 4:00pm in St Mary's where we will be having a bit of a tea party to welcome the weary couple and get them in that stable ready for arrival of the baby. Please sign up if you want to host Mary and Joseph and save 24th 4:00pm for fun with a festive feel in St Mary's.

Christingle Service – Sunday 8th Dec 4:00pm - St Mary's – The service much loved by families, a way of getting ready for the arrival the baby Jesus on Christmas day and explaining to children what we mean when we call Jesus the Light of the World. This year the service is coming earlier in December but it's the same service with oranges, candles and sweets on sticks. It is also the service where we make a special collection for the Children's Society. To see what they do, visit <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do>

Tenterden Youth Cadet Force Carol Service Wednesday 11th Dec - St Mary's – a visiting group holding their Carol Service and they come with a Salvation Army Band. All are welcome to attend.

Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 15th Dec 3:00pm - St Peter's – very traditional and a wonderful atmosphere, St Peter's by candle light is a very special place for gathering on a winter's afternoon. There will be suitable refreshments to follow.

Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday 22nd Dec 6:00pm - St Mary's - St Mary's will have lots of candles too and again there will be suitable refreshments to follow.

The first Eucharist of Christmas Tues 24th Dec 10:00pm St Peter's -a time to pause and reflect on the wonder of this season.

Eucharist for Christmas Day Wednesday 25th Dec 11:00am - St Mary's - And all will be very welcome to this service. It is a chance in all the business of this day, with feasting, family, friends to celebrate what started all this jollity, getting together and presents; the simple and priceless gift from God of a very special baby.

And a warning. The December Magazine will have the full church service calendar. Please do check as there are some Sundays in December where we are not having our regular morning services





Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch October

Our focus this month is on communication: update from the police, how to join Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch & seasonal safety advice for the winter months.



Communication:

Update on Kent police local presence

There have been some positive developments. At the time of writing, we hope that the Kent Police CSU (Community Safety Unit) Inspector/local Police Officer will have attended Rolvenden Parish Council meeting on 17 October Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch having previously asked for the council's support in raising residents' concerns by making it an agenda item for Council meetings. That, in turn, resulted from police surgeries in July and August where residents had the opportunity to raise concerns. The police officers had been unable to attend the September meeting. Residents had an opportunity to speak to a police rep both online and face-to-face and an Ashford NHW rep, Peter New, organised by Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch. We hope to have more surgeries in the future, 2 or 3 times a year depending on police availability. Thank you to the police reps, Ashford NHW rep Peter New for supporting us and residents for raising concerns about crime. Remember always report crime using the details at the end of this update. There are various Neighbourhood Watch websites you can register with to receive alerts and updates.

Why join Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

Join neighbourhood watch to become better informed about the things you can do to increase personal safety and security for yourself and your neighbours. Become better informed on what is happening by getting the information from reliable sources. You will be joining a group of other concerned neighbours who can together form a safety net for the more vulnerable in the community, the neighbours who live alone, are frail, find life difficult. You will be able to share the business of keeping an eye out for people with others. And the group can share the responsibility of being alert to odd or suspicious behaviour in the street. It's really important to work proactively as a group.

If you are new to Neighbourhood Watch or if you used to receive the updates via Rolvenden update Mail chimp, please re-register to join Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/joinNW>

Click on: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw> Type in your postcode in the box. Click on Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch then Not a member yet? box and 'JOIN'

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Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch group: approved on the 'Our Watch' website.

How to receive updates from other useful sources:

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How to register –go to: <https://www.e-watch.co/register.php> then add your e-mail address and click on 'Ashford' then 'Rolvenden and Teterden West' My community Voice – Kent. You can register to receive alerts about the local area: <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

Reporting crime to the police

Serious crimes in progress dial 999, other incidents via 101 (phone) or online using Live chat: <https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

Hearing or speech impairments. If you are deaf or have a speech impairment and you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service, you can use the textphone service: 18000 or text 999.

Siân Reeves

Rolvenden Neighbourhood Watch

From the Neighbourhood Newsletter for October

Preparing for colder weather

As the weather turns colder, it's essential to prepare your home and car for the winter months. Clean out gutters, seal any draught to keep your home warm and energy efficient, and consider installing a water sensor in vulnerable areas to detect potential leaks early on. Prepare your car for winter driving by checking tyre pressure, fluid levels, and battery health. Keep an emergency kit in your car with essentials such as ice scraper, de-icer fluid

Cyber safety

Black Friday (29 November) is one of the busiest shopping days of the year, but remember to be extra vigilant about online security. Use secure websites for shopping, avoid clicking on suspicious links in emails or social media messages, and be cautious about sharing personal or financial information online.

Christmas decorations

Be mindful where you place decorations over the festive season. You'll likely have it nailed down, but if you've moved to a new home be conscious of what you place near heat sources and if you're placing anything high, make sure you have ladders and some help. Check holiday lights for frayed wires or loose connections before using them, and always turn them off before going to bed or leaving the house.

Winter travel

If you're travelling during the winter months, stay informed about weather conditions and plan your route accordingly. Pack your car with essentials like blankets, warm clothes, snacks (any excuse to dig into Christmas snacks earlier), water, a first aid kit, and a flashlight in case of unexpected delays or emergencies. Let someone know your travel plans and expected arrival time.

Making Communities Tick Introducing the Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy based at the University of Kent

PCIT is a one-of-its-kind treatment and research centre in the UK. The centre opened its doors in February 2024, under the leadership of Professor David Wilkinson. It is aimed specifically for people with Parkinson's, offering individually tailored, evidence-based non-drug therapies and wellness resources for those living with the condition.

The centre offers personalised care plans designed according to individual needs. There are Specialist Clinicians on hand to answer questions, refer individuals to the appropriate therapists, and coordinate care plans. The following are some of the therapies/services on offer at the centre:

Physiotherapy,
Group exercise / Dance,
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All the therapies are delivered by accredited practitioners with expertise and experience in the care of Parkinson's disease.

PCIT is based on the University of Kent Canterbury campus.

You can contact the centre at:

Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy,
Woodlands, University of Kent,
Giles Lane,
Canterbury, Kent CT2 7LR

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/parkinsons>

Opening hours: 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday
and from 8.30am to 1pm on Saturdays

To make enquiries on becoming a member,
please telephone: 01227 824775

PCIT membership enables people with Parkinson's to have full access to all the services that the centre currently provides.

All fees are deliberately kept as low as possible and there is some financial assistance available. The initial 90-minute assessment costs £35, which also includes the first year of PCIT membership. The assessment enables the clinicians to create a person-centred plan of therapy for you. Therapy sessions now have a fixed pricing system: 1-1 sessions are £35, and group classes/sessions are charged at £10 per person.

(The contributor of this piece is Carroll Siu who has written several articles on living with Parkinson's for the Mag)

Organisations here to help

EC30, a coffee shop and so much more! For more information email: info@ec30.co.uk , also see www.ec30.co.uk. EC30, Recreation Ground Rd, Tenterden.

Open: Mon- Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 3pm

The Tenterden Family Foodbank EC30 times as above.

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The Old Schoolhouse Larder supporting vulnerable families with children finding it difficult to provide meals every day. Open Fri, 9 to 11am, selection of nonperishable groceries and household & hygiene products. Vouchers allowing families to select fruit & veg from the Tenterden Friday Market and from the Market Square Farm Butcher also available.

Tenterden Social Supermarket Pop Up Shop See next page for details

The Shop will be at Highbury Hall between 1:30 and 2:30pm on the following Tuesdays:

November 12th, 26th, December 10th. And remember: Cash Only!



Kent Savers for affordable loans www.kentsavers.co.uk

Regular Events

KCC Mobile Library Service visits Rolvenden every 2 weeks on a Tuesday:

- High Street between 11:30am and Noon
- Monypenny between 12:10 and 12:55pm

To join phone: 03000 41 31 31

For those living with short-term memory loss and their supporters

- Memory Café and Friends every Friday

Meets every Friday 2 – 4pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Ashford Road, Tenterden

- Musical Memories meets every Tuesday 10:45am – 12 noon Highbury Hall, Highbury Lane, Tenterden, a singing for health group.

- Monthly Lunch Club Meets 4th Wednesday 12:30 for 1:00pm Little Silver Hotel, St Michaels Tenterden.

For all 3: Contact Jan Bridger Tel: 01580 762932 Mob: 07445971791

Tenterden Parkinsons Café Please note that the monthly Parkinson's Support Group meeting is now scheduled in the afternoon between 2:30-4pm every third Monday of the month.

We are still meeting at the EC30 cafe at Tenterden Recreation Ground Road (next to Ivy Court Surgery).

CARM Rolvenden Meeting Point, every second Wednesday 10:00am to noon in Monypenny Lounge, drop in and meet friends old and new.

<https://carmromneymarsh.org.uk/>

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- Brown (Garden refuse)

You can also download a calendar.

Collection dates do not vary through the year except across the Christmas New Year Holiday season.

Please keep an eye out for neighbours who may not be connected to the web. If neighbours are not getting the bins right have a friendly word and tell them which bins to put out when.

For new arrangements on such things as clothes, shoe and electrical items please see the Ashford BC – How do I dispose of?

- Yellow sacks, where supplied, will be collected weekly
- For all queries about recycling or waste disposal:

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Telephone ABC on Tel 01233 330646

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Parish Clerk: Mrs Lauren Dobson.

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Telephone: 01797 260364

e-mail: enquiries@newenden-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council will meet at 7:00pm

Tuesday November 7th in St Peter's

ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk: Mrs Louise Goldsmith,

5 Artisan Road, Headcorn, TN27 9AZ

Telephone: 07900 693572

email: rolvendenclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council will meet at 7:30pm

Thursday November 21st

in Rolvenden Village Hall

Members of the public have a statutory right to attend as observers. At the discretion of the Parish Council Chair people may be invited to speak.



Parish Magazine Essential Information:

Articles and supporting photographs: email to judyannvinson@gmail.com.

Photos for the cover should be emailed as a jpeg in colour or monochrome to Trevor Lodge on stmaryrolv@aol.com.

To keep the cover photos in tune with the month, Trevor likes to keep seasonal photos on hold waiting for the season to come round the following year. Any keen photographers who want to contribute, please send your photos to Trevor.



**THE DEADLINE FOR THE DOUBLE ISSUE COVERING
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Note for distributors: ☆ Rolvenden Magazines available for collection on Saturday 23rd November. ☆ Newenden Magazines available for collection on Sunday 24th November.

The online version will be available from 1st December accessed via the Parish Council websites for Newenden and Rolvenden Parish Councils, for which arrangement we are most grateful. *Judy V*



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