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# LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



December is here, the weather has turned and Christmas is looming large in most of our plans.

In the church calendar, the four weeks before Christmas are known as Advent – it is a time of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas (although if you can organise Christmas in just four weeks you're a better person than I am!)

Advent is supposed to be a time of remembering what Christmas is really about. Behind the tinsel, the food, the parties, the presents, the tree and everything else, what do we actually need to celebrate Christmas – what is it all about? For those of us who call ourselves Christian, it is about the greatest gift of all, God coming to earth as human and living, teaching, being among us. The gift of a knowledge of God's love for us, His forgiveness for us and the peace His presence can bring in our lives.

For those of us who don't believe, Christmas is still an important festival to celebrate. To come together with family and friends and to celebrate the love we have for others. To share in giving and receiving gifts which signify the importance of people to us. It is a time, at the end of the year, to look back and be thankful for all that has been good – a time before the New Year and a new start to look at where we could be better.

Although Christmas is bright and sparkly and glittering, that is not what Christmas is about. There is something at the core that is worth celebrating, worth clinging on to and remembering in the midst of the busyness that is normally December. I pray that you will hold on to what is important to you this Christmas time. Do not let it get lost in the preparations. And if you'd like to find out a bit more about why we celebrate at the church then please do come and join us at one of the opportunities we have this season.

With every blessing,  
**Revd David**

## CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S

### SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

10am Christingle Service  
6.30pm Advent Eucharist (Chancel)

### SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

10am Advent Eucharist  
5.30pm Carol Service

### SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

10am Advent Eucharist

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Crib Service  
11.30pm Eucharist for  
Christmas

### CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Family Celebration  
Christmas Eucharist

### SUNDAY 1 JANUARY

10am Informal Eucharist



## WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

*For all church services for December, see page 2 or at [ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information](http://ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information)*



### ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR – 10 DECEMBER

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 10 December at the Village Hall from 10am until 12.30pm. There will be a range of stalls including books, puzzles, toys, gifts, jewellery, cakes and produce. We'll also have fun and games for all ages as well as the draw for prizes in the Grand Christmas Raffle. Light refreshments will also be available.

If you have new or good quality items to donate for the stalls, tombola or raffle, please leave in the boxes in the Springett Chapel. Please contact Jo Linehan on 01273 812097 or [jo.linehan@yahoo.com](mailto:jo.linehan@yahoo.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

### PRAYER TIME – TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER



Do please join us at 9am on Tuesday 13 December in the Lady Chapel to pray for the world's needs and for our village and church.

It will be an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud. This is now a regular event on the second Tuesday of every month.

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### **CAROL SERVICE WITH RINGMER EVERGREEN CLUB AND RINGMER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Thursday 8 December, Ringmer Evergreen Club and Ringmer Primary School invite you to join them for a carol service in St Mary's Church. The service starts at 2pm – all are welcome. Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Room.

### **RING FOR THE KING!**

There's still time to get involved with bell-ringing. Learn a new skill, meet new people and make a noise! Practice night is Wednesday 7.30-9pm and we can set up teaching sessions during the daytime to get new ringers established. Get in touch with Marisa 07796 145464,

## WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

### FLOODLIGHTING ST MARY'S – DECEMBER

|        |                         |                                      |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 Dec  | Joan & Stephen Newth    | "In loving memory"                   |
| 18 Dec | Margaret Hunt           | "Loving memories on our anniversary" |
| 22 Dec | Margaret Hunt           | "Loving thoughtful birthday wishes"  |
| 24 Dec | Allen Leveque           | "Treasured memories"                 |
| 24 Dec | Charles & Ruth Colewell | "Treasured memories"                 |

### ST MARY'S TODDLER GROUP

The group meets every Wednesday from 10.30am and 12pm in the Village Hall. Everyone with pre-school children of all ages are welcome. Tea and coffee are provided and there's always a willing pair of arms to hold the baby or play games. There is no charge, but donations welcome for St Peter & St James Hospice. We're taking a break between Christmas and New Year, reopening on Wednesday 4 January 2023.



### BIG THANK YOU FROM ST MARY'S!

Thanks to everyone who showed an interest in our surplus kneelers (pictured left). We're delighted to report they've all found new homes!

### KNITTED NATIVITY AT HOME

St Mary's has two knitted Nativity scenes which are available to borrow for a couple of nights, along with story books for all ages. Contact Marisa for details on 07796 145464.

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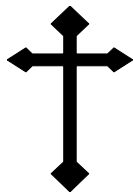
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Contact Neil Thornicroft on 01825 750283 for Zoom log in details to stream Sunday Services and for any pastoral needs.

We operate **Ringmer Food Bank**, which is open from 11am to 12pm every Monday (other than Bank Holidays), in the library. This service is for individuals and families who have been referred to us by local welfare organisations and churches for emergency aid. There is a delivery service available. For more details call Gill Salisbury on 01273 812145.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Family Service: 18 December at 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight: 18 December at 6am

Christmas Day Worship 25 December.

You can find details of our services, including who is speaking and which verses they are covering at our website, which is [www.ringmerbaptist.uk](http://www.ringmerbaptist.uk).

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

If you're going to be on your own on Christmas Day or you're having difficulties providing a meal for yourself or family, then come along and join us at our annual Christmas Day lunch in the Village Hall. Contact Annali-Joy Thornicroft for details or see page 11 and our website (listed above).

The next Fellowship Lunch is in February 2023.

*'And in the same region there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.*

**(Luke - Chapter 2 verses: 8 – 12 / English Standard Version)**



## WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER IN DECEMBER

### CHRISTMAS ON A PLATE COMPETITION!

All ages are welcome to enter the competition to present Christmas on a paper plate to be judged at the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 10 December. There will be various age categories from 0 to 90, with prizes including books, gifts and a voucher for coffee and cake at Grounded at the Forge.

Entries can include drawings and paintings, collage, a model from clay, playdoh, LEGO or even food! The only restriction is size, which must be a 22cm paper plate. Collect (and return) your plates at St Mary's Church or Ringmer Library any time before 9 December and come along to the Fair to see if you are a winner!

### RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

The Christmas meeting is at 7.45 pm on Friday 9 December in Ringmer Village Hall. There will be two short presentations separated by an interval during which we shall be serving mulled wine and mince pies. In the first talk Bob Cairns will show some new postcard images of Ringmer, not previously seen. After the interval, John Kay will give a short account of the life and legacy of Captain William Green of Park Gate, one of Ringmer's more colourful characters. For catering purposes it will be very helpful to know in advance how many people will be attending. The Ringmer History Group currently has 299 members for 2022-3. Who would like to be member no.300?

### RINGMER YOUTH CAFÉ

There's limited opening in December as we shall be closed on 2 and 16 December. We re-open on Friday 6 January from 6.30-8.30pm in Ringmer Village Hall. New members welcome. For details, contact [ringmeryp@outlook.com](mailto:ringmeryp@outlook.com)



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2022

Are you on your own on Christmas Day? A warm welcome awaits you at Ringmer Village Hall. Come and enjoy Christmas lunch and festive entertainment with others. For more information and to reserve your place, contact Annali-Joy Thornicroft by 18 December on 01825 750283 or at [thornicrofts@btinternet.com](mailto:thornicrofts@btinternet.com).

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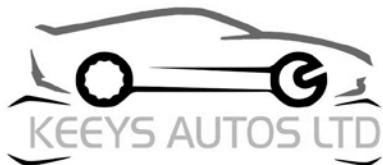
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At its recent November Annual meeting, Ringmer WI elected a new President - Ross Meers and as joint Secretary, Judith Cox and Glynis Walker. Julie Terry and Anne Stamper were each presented with a bouquet and thanked for all their work for Ringmer WI. The WI has received confirmation that the tree we planted on the Green in October has been officially recorded and mapped as a contribution to the Queen's Canopy. The WI wish to thank those who braved the atrocious weather to come to our 'Coffee Cake & Christmas' morning and helped make it a success. The date of our next meeting, Christmas Themed, is Tuesday 6 December. All members and visitors are welcome.

### CAROLS AND COFFEE

Do come and join us in the Village Hall on Thursday 15 December at 7.30pm for an evening of carols and other Christmas music. We will be joined by St Mary's Church Choir, 'Singalong' singing group, St Mary's Handbell Ringers and members of St Mary's Music Group. As usual, there will be an opportunity to choose and sing your favourite



carol, and coffee and mince pies will be served during the interval. Entrance is £1 (accompanied children free) and there will be a retiring collection, all in aid of Cancer Research UK. If you need transport, please call John Payne 01273 812501.

### ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

**LIGHTS OF LOVE** - All welcome at St Mary's Church at 4 pm on Saturday 3 December for the service remembering our loved ones and in support of the Hospice. Immediately prior to the service the Christmas tree lights in the churchyard will be switched on. Unfortunately the church central heating boiler is not working, so please wrap up warm !

**CAROL SINGING** – We will be singing carols outside Ringmer shops on Christmas Eve from 10am for about an hour. all welcome to join us to swell the numbers and the volume! Do come and help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice, even if you are not able to stay for the whole time.

JAYNE'S SKYDIVE, self-funded, confirms that all donations go direct from her Just Giving page to the Hospice. All details are on the Ringmer Support Group Facebook page where there is a donate button.

For more information email [jayne\\_mr@btinternet.com](mailto:jayne_mr@btinternet.com)

# RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY



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Ringmer Village Library is open Tuesday and Thursdays 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturdays 10am to 12pm. It's free and fast to join and offers free books and jigsaws.

From 2 December until the end of March 2023, the library will also be open on Friday afternoons between 2 and 5pm as part of the Warm Spaces scheme. Warm Spaces is a UK wide network of warm welcoming spaces available to anyone who needs warmth for whatever reason this winter. The library will act as an official Warm Space for Ringmer, thanks to a grant from Ringmer Parish Council. You don't need to be a member to come and enjoy the Warm Space at the library, which includes warm room, free access to a public computer and the chance to get a hot drink. Read about Warm Spaces at [warmspaces.org](http://warmspaces.org)

The library will be closed on 23, 24 and 27 December for Christmas. All other days will be open as normal. All the library volunteers wish you a happy Christmas and thank you for supporting us through another year.

It's free to join the library and free to borrow from its extensive catalogue of books and jigsaws. Audio books are available to borrow at a small cost and DVDs and books are also on sale with prices starting at just £1. Members also get a monthly newsletter with a regular competition. This month, you can win a copy of the latest Richard Osman title, *The Bullet That Missed*.

Christmas Cards designed by local artist Sid Richards are on sale right now in aid of the Village Hall. Contact the library on 07934 046392 or at [ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com). Twitter @SaveRingmerLibr and Facebook/RingmerVillageLibrary.

## **RINGMER VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Liz Owen says: "We've now completed the work on the lobby for the Symons Hall, with lovely new flooring and the final touches done in the new accessible toilet. The improvement works to the Hall will continue in 2023, and we'll keep you posted here. In the meantime, the trustees would like to thank our users and wish everyone all the best for the Christmas and the New Year."

## **CATCH THE CHRISTMAS POST**

The Christmas Post, which Commercial Square Bonfire Society deliver each year to Lewes, Kingston and Ringmer is available until 14 December. Drop your cards to Lew Howard & Son Butchers, Ringmer Library or 'Pegasus', Broyle Paddock, Ringmer. Delivery costs 25p per card and cards will be delivered after the cut-off date of 14 December.

### RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council and Planning Meetings will now be held bi-monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Other meetings are yet to be decided so please do check the noticeboard outside the Village Hall, our website or Facebook for up-to-date information:

[www.ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Parish meetings are held in our Parish Rooms at Ringmer Parish Council, Old School Close, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5RA.

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# NEWS FROM RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

## PLANNING

Lewes District Council Planning Committee voted to approve the Norlington Lane Solar Farm application on Tuesday by 5 votes to 4. This is disappointing as we voted unanimously against the proposal. We recognise the need for 'green' energy and are proud to say that the only solar farm in the Lewes District is at Upper Clayhill in our parish.

The Parish Council objections were all associated with the location adjacent to Norlington Lane. The fields are of the highest quality for arable production; they are set against a quiet leisure lane with some of the oldest buildings in Ringmer, whose setting will be destroyed if the solar farm is constructed.

Cllr Sarah Phillips represented the Parish Council and covered all of our concerns in her presentation objecting to the application and was ably supported by two Ringmer residents. Cllr Richard Turner, a member of the Planning Committee also spoke strongly against the application.

## PARKING

As well as concerns raised by residents about parking on pavements, we've had complaints about parking on grass verges and the subsequent damage. Vicarage Way is a good example of this and the Parish Council is seeking the opinions of local residents on the suggested use of bollards to prevent parking on that verge. We've also received comments about parking at the junction of Harrisons Lane and the Lewes Road. We would ask residents living near the junction for their views on extending the double yellow lines further along Harrisons Lane.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on [admin@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## QUEEN'S JUBILEE TREE

A *Prunus Accolade* has been planted in the Jubilee Garden. Our thanks to Goldcliffe Garden Centre for donating the tree and the accompanying stake, tie, compost and rooting powder. A virtual plaque has been applied for and we are working to acquire a physical plaque.

## QUEEN'S MEMORIAL TREE

A *Prunus Autumnalis* will be planted behind the bench near the village War Memorial. Our thanks to Goldcliffe Garden Centre for offering a discounted price.

## MAY 2023 ELECTIONS

The local elections in May 2023 will see the current Parish Council replaced by a newly elected group of residents. Johnny Denis is unable to stand for re-election due to his other commitments and has offered to speak to any resident considering putting themselves forward as candidates. Please contact Johnny on 07949 013075 to find out more.



## NEWS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

### UPDATE FROM EMILY O'BRIEN AND JOHNNY DENIS

Councillor Emily O'Brien says: "Johnny Denis and I continue to work with local residents to promote a petition asking East Sussex County council to take action on the growing number of HGVs using narrow or unsuitable roads as a cut through. A successful protest took place on Tuesday 18 October on Ringmer Village Green and was great fun, attracting a large and good humoured crowd.

At the suggestion of a resident, I'm proposing a motion at the next Lewes District Council meeting focussing on what we can do as a council to reduce HGV traffic via the planning system. We should expect more from developers in managing construction traffic and believe this should be given more consideration earlier on. Sometimes the construction management plans feel like an afterthought, which just isn't right. Plans should look specifically at the routing of construction traffic away from villages and unsuitable roads.

Many continue to be affected by the cost of living crisis and we held a district council Cost of Living summit to help ensure joined up efforts. We continue to do all we can to support local people and are also supporting local organisations including food banks. If you need support please see the Lewes District Council website."



### KAR WINS AWARD

Kings Academy Ringmer won the Education Estates 2022 Sustainability Award. Principal Sian Williams presented at the event on KAR's impressive environmental work and the legacy they are passing on to the students. The school teaches the students to 'think like environmentalists' and threads this

into the curriculum, providing support for careers in environmentally focused jobs and helping the students to consider what they can do to help the planet; all the more poignant with COP27 and the headlines the world is facing.

King's Academy Ringmer were thrilled when they won the award, presented by Sponsor EQUANS and comedian Ed Byrne. Mrs Williams says: "We faced tough competition and I'm so proud of our students and their achievements because they are the reason we won the award".

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### **OVESCO NORLINGTON LANE SOLAR FARM**

Lewes District Council Planning Committee voted to approve the Solar Farm with five votes in favour to four against. This is a disappointing result for many in the local community. Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan recognises the special importance of Norlington Lane to residents, many of whom are appalled at the thought of the damage to the character of this rural 'green lung' of the village.

Out of the 372 comments submitted by residents, 87% objected and 13% supported. Ringmer objectors are not opposed to solar energy. We already have a solar farm at Upper Clayhill, the only solar farm in Lewes District, which elicited only three objections. Following the soil survey results in August that categorised the land as high quality farmland, our three Ward Councillors stated their opposition as did Cllr Matthew Bird, Sustainability Lead for Lewes Council.

At the meeting residents Anne and Georgina, Sarah Sheath (Save Norlington Lane) and Cllr Sarah Phillips (Ringmer Parish Council) brilliantly highlighted the issues against the proposal. The only Ward Councillor to provide any representation at the meeting was Cllr Sean MacLeod who supported the application.

There is some hope that the decision will be overturned. Maria Caulfield MP advises she has called the application in with the Secretary of State. In a letter received by some residents she says "... in the instance of Ovesco Solar Farm on Norlington Lane, I cannot agree to losing 70 acres of prime agricultural land." We will keep you updated with progress on this front.

### **RANGERS FARM, CHAMBERLAINES LANE, FORMAL APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who attended the hearing on 22 November. The decision will be published on our website and Facebook page when available.

### **CROUDACE, BROYLE GATE FARM** (100 houses on three fields)

Still awaiting the Planning Officer's decision following September's Formal Inquiry.

### **OTHER APPLICATIONS DUE FOR DECISION:**

**BOKLOK, Land to the South of the Broyle LW/22/0282** (70 residential dwellings)

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**GLYNDEBOURNE/GLEESONS LW/22/0472** (New application 75 homes off Harrisons Lane)

Visit our website [Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation](http://www.ringmergreenfields.org) for more information.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### RINGMER FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting of the Flower Club is at 2pm, Wednesday 7 December in the Village Hall. The demonstration is appropriately entitled "Tis the Season" and we will be joined by Sue Thompson. Visitors are welcome with an entrance fee of £8.00 to include tea and biscuits.

### RINGMER BARN DANCING

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