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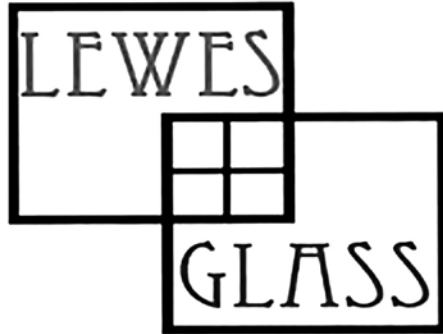
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

What will you be doing on 14 February? While many will be celebrating Valentine's Day, this year 14 February is also Ash Wednesday – the start of Lent. As this is a 'Principal Holy Day', other celebrations are pushed aside. But when I searched for the newly transferred date for St. Valentine's Day, I discovered that the commemoration of St Valentine hasn't been moved - it is completely missing altogether! This made me think about the silliness of having one day a year when it's expected I show my appreciation and love to one other person. Of course my wife is 'the one' and my closest friend but she is not the only person I love. Close friendships, supportive family members, lifelong relationships and marriages of differing sorts all make up the beauty of love. We should celebrate all these relationships and show appreciation to those who teach us what love means– in all its forms. Surely we don't need a specific date in order to do this?

When we talk about love, we can also remember St. Valentine himself. When Emperor Claudius commanded Valentine to renounce his faith and love of God or be beaten to death; he refused. The punishment was carried out on 14 February 269 - a sobering thought as we share cards and flowers this year. Whatever we do on 14 February, this year I want to encourage everyone to let our loved ones know they're loved every day.

With every blessing, Revd. David

FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 4 FEB

10am

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Parade Service / 6.30pm Eucharist in the Chancel

SUNDAY 11 FEB

10am

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 14 FEB

6.30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Eucharist

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SUNDAY 18 FEB

10am

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Eucharist for Lent / 6.30pm Evensong in the Chancel

SUNDAY 25 FEB

10am

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Eucharist with the Ministry of Healing

There is also a Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel every Thursday at 10am.

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

For all church services for February, see p2 or ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information



FIRST SUNDAYS FROM 10

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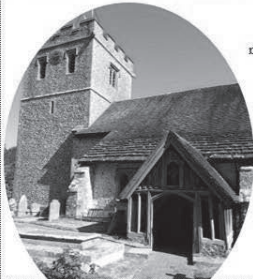
Come along **from 10am** to join in with fun time in church with music, games, a story and craft.

Bring family & friends! Don't worry if you're going to be late - just come and join in!

This September we celebrate **New Beginnings**

In October, it will be a **Harvest Festival**

In November, **stories Jesus told...**



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FIRST SUNDAYS @ 10

The service on 4 Feb is a Parade Service when we hope some Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will join us. Everyone is welcome to this and all services.

PRAYER VIGIL

Please join us at 9am on Tuesday 13

February in the Lady Chapel, where we'll say prayers for the needs of the world, the country, our village and church.

This is an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud.

FIRST SUNDAYS FROM 10AM

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Contact 07796 145464

LENT COURSE

We hope to meet weekly starting on Thursday 22 February at 4pm in the church Room. All welcome.

LENT LUNCHES

You are invited to join these Simple Lunches between 12pm and 1.30pm. They will be held on Saturday 17 February in the Church Room, Friday 23 February at 9 Delves Close and Saturday 2 March at the Old Cottage, Lewes Road. Everyone is welcome to join us.

ST MARY'S TODDLERS GROUP

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2 February	Beryl Kingswood	“Happy Birthday Memories”
27 February	Stella Allen	“Miss you dearly, forever in our hearts”

If you would like to remember a loved one by having the St Mary's church floodlit on a specific evening, please contact Shirley Squires at sasxyz@talktalk.net or on 01273 752167/07552492354 or at 26 Danforth Way). A donation of £10 is requested.

PRAYERS FOR THE VILLAGE

At our 10am Sunday services each week we pray for the people living in a specific area of Ringmer. This month they are: Ashcroft Close, Anchor Field on 4 February, Fairlight Field and Shelley Road on 11 February, Harrisons Lane on 18 February and Greater Paddock on 25 February.

HOLY COMMUNION AT RINGMER CARE HOMES IN FEBRUARY

This month Holy Communion will be said at 11am on 6 February at Parris Lawn, 11am on 22 February at Lime Tree House and 11.30am on 27 February at 11.30am.

SINGALONG IS BACK

Singalong has restarted again for our Spring session. Newcomers, of any age, are very welcome. You don't have to be a first class singer, just someone who enjoys singing with others. We sing a wide variety of songs and meet in the Church room every Wednesday afternoon (except the first week of each month) from 2.30pm to 4pm. For more information ring Jill Bolton on 07980 693667.

FROM THE REGISTERS – JANUARY 2024

Funeral	11	Peter Russell
	25	Gerald Malley
Interment	20	Robert Rodhouse

RINGMER VILLAGE UPDATES



ECO TIP – WHAT TO DO WITH OLD TECH

Sometimes a gleaming new phone or laptop is a prized present, leading to the old one being discarded. But even if, mindful of sustainability, we now try to keep our mobile phones and laptops as long as possible, there comes a moment when they finally die. The tech companies don't help by only providing security updates for a limited period and tech isn't covered by the recent Right to Repair law. It's estimated that there are 28 million British mobile phones not in active use. So, what to do with the old non-functioning phone?

There are valuable components that can be extracted from old phones for reuse. First, completely wipe the device and search the Recycle Now website to find available recycling sites. Charities such as Hubbub Community Calling also accept them. Curry's say they accept any old computers for recycling and the Restart project lists charities which accept computers for reuse.

LEWES FLOWER CLUB The club meets in Cooksbridge Village Hall at 12.30pm on the second Thursday of the month. This month that's 8 February, where Gill Smagglesgale will talk about Herbaceous shrubs.

Bring sandwiches as it's lunchtime. Subscriptions are £38 per annum, with a charge of £7 for visitors.



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

Marisa Hayes says: "Christmas feels a long time ago, but it's important to share with readers that Carols and Coffee raised an astonishing £650 for Cancer Research UK. Thanks to everyone who supported this and made the evening such a fun event."

UPDATE FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

Shirley Squires says: "It was lovely to welcome 15 members to our first meeting of the year. We're very grateful to Revd David for starting our year off with a Eucharist service, after which we enjoyed a wonderful lunch for which we are very grateful to Deirdre for hosting us so well. At our next meeting in the Church Room on Tuesday 13 February our speaker is Ian Jackson who will be talking to us about Glyndebourne. You are welcome to come along and join us.

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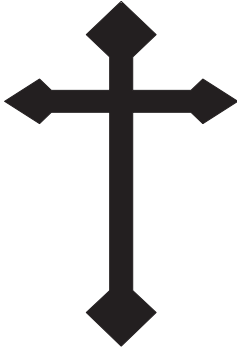
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Treasurer: Ken Starnes (as above).

A warm welcome and a joyful time of fellowship awaits all who join us at our services to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear what God is saying.

Sunday Morning services are at 10.30am in the Village Hall and over Zoom. Please contact Malcolm Hart for the code and password details. Evening Services are at 6pm, also in the Village Hall.

Thursday Home Group is at 7.30pm and Tuesday Prayer Meeting is at 10.15am, both in the Library. Communion is usually every second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening.

For pastoral or other needs, contact Neil Thornicroft and head to our website (ringmerbaptist.co.uk) for our Programme and Speakers for February 2024.

RINGMER FOOD BANK

Operated by Ringmer Baptist Church and open from 11am to 12pm every Monday (not Bank Holidays) in the library. For individuals and families referred to us by local welfare organisations and churches for emergency aid. Donations of food and finance are gratefully received. All food parcels need to be collected. Further details are available from Neil Thornicroft or Malcolm Hart (details above).

CHRISTIAN FAITH EXPLORED - Every Friday at 10am – 11am in the library

All welcome to learn more about the Christian faith over a coffee. Contact Neil Thornicroft for more details.

LENT STUDIES

Come and join us for our Lent Studies starting on 15 February at 7.30pm in the library resource.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

The next formal lunch is 4 February 2024 with guest speaker Jonathon Leeson representing Street Pastors in Brighton. Lunch is at 12.45pm and will be followed by the talk.

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER



RINGMER WI UPDATE

Despite the bitterly cold evening, 33 members and visitors turned out on Tuesday 9 January to hear Andrew Glaysher from Marston Barrett in Lewes tell us how to identify what is false and what is real in the world of jewellery. He brought with him an array of items, both false and genuine and explained how to distinguish real diamonds, gold and pearls from fake. He produced examples of the fashion and styles from the 1880s onwards, explained why sapphires can be blue, yellow or pink, the difference between natural, simulated, cultured and fresh water pearls and cast a professional eye over items members had brought along.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6 February at 7.30pm in the Symonds Hall, when Ian Everest will talk about the Ouse Valley – past and present. Old photographs and cine film will offer a glimpse into less well-known aspects of the area between Lewes and the sea. Muggery Pope, Mount Misery and the Sport of Kings will all be explained! If you need a lift, please contact Ross Meers on 07723 423245 or Judith Cox on 07971 659557.



RINGMER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW – SAT 30 MARCH at 2pm

Come along, support the Club and show what you can do! Bring the family, see what everyone else has entered, have a flutter for the raffle and enjoy a drink and/or some delicious cake. Stay on for the entertaining auction at the end and grab yourself a bargain!

Whether you are the most serious gardener or have a few pots you grow herbs in, a killer baker or an occasional cookie cooker, festooned with professional cameras or snap with your smart phone, a flower arranger extraordinaire or handy with your crafting there is a class for you to show off your stuff!

We want to encourage everyone to pitch in and there are no entry fees for the under 16 classes. See ringmerhorticulturalclub.co.uk for entry forms and more details. Hard copies are available at Ringmer Library.

RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

The speaker at our February meeting at 7.30 pm on Friday 23 February will be Ian Everest, whose topic will be 'Stories from the Sussex Downs'. Ian, who grew up on a Downland farm at Bishopston, is one of our most popular speakers. The talk will be in Ringmer Village Hall, and all are welcome



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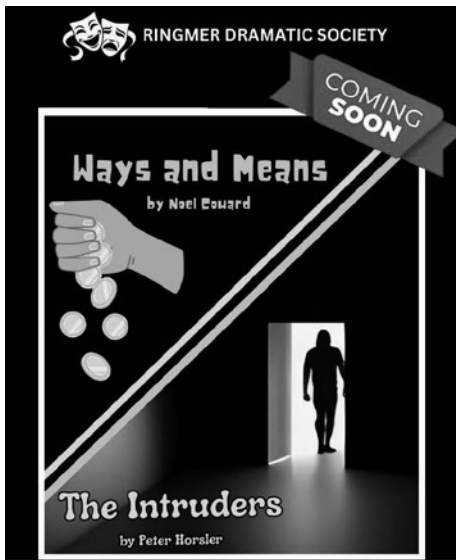
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Dates for 2024:

21 February, 13 March, 17 April, 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 13 November and 18 December.



TWO NEW PRODUCTIONS FROM RINGMER DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Ringmer Dramatic Society is excited to announce that its Spring production (20 to 23 March), is a double bill of comedy! The two one-act comedies are directed by Johnnie Walker and supported by an accomplished cast and crew.

Ways and Means by Noel Coward follows middle-class middle-aged couple Stella and Toby as they stay at their friend's villa in the French Riviera. After a prolonged stay at the villa, they are about to be evicted, and everything seems to always be going wrong for them, when an unusual chain of events throws them an unexpected lifeline.

The Intruders by John Horsler is about two burglars breaking into a house in the middle of the night. Things then take a turn as they reveal their situations, until the burglars learn a lesson on life - Trust Nobody!

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Our opening hours are Tuesday, Thursday and FRIDAY 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10 to

12pm. There is plenty of seating and space to relax, as well as the free use of our computers and Wifi, tea or coffee, magazines, newspapers and, of course, plenty of books.

We generally run story-time sessions at 2pm on Thursdays, and at 10.30am on the first Saturday of the month. There's no need to book, just bring your children at those times and join in the fun. In February, watch out for these special dates:

- Saturday 3 February at 10.30 am - children's storytime
- Thursday 15 February 3pm-4:30pm - Hearing Aid Maintenance session

You may have seen that Lewes District Council is moving across to standard LDC wheelie bins for rubbish collection soon. You can order one by ringing 01273 471600 by 26 February or pop into the library and we can help you order your new bin online. You can also pick up food waste bags while you're here!

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RINGMER VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND UPDATES

We're pleased to tell you that we were awarded a grant of £1000 from Southern Water to help towards increased fuel costs. We were selected from 130 applicants, of whom 25 were successful. Chairman Alan West says: "The grant from the Southern Water partnership gives Ringmer Village Hall trustees the confidence to continue with maintaining a suitably warm environment."

You may have noted some changes to the Hall grounds following a survey that showed some of our trees needed felling or remedial work. We plan to plant replacements later in the year.

A Souper Saturday will be held in the Jack Hart Hall on 10 Feb between 12pm and 1:30pm where we will serve home made soup and bread at just £3 per portion. These were popular events before Covid and it'll be nice to start them again. Come and meet old friends, and make new ones too!

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**Ringmer Against
Greenfield Exploitation**

**BOKLOK PLANNING APPEAL
(APP/P145/3319706)**

Four Ringmer residents made it through the traffic chaos to the hearing for the appeal at the Marine Workshops, Newhaven on 9 January. Councillor Emily O'Brien asked to make a statement, which was allowed by the Inspector but residents were restricted to asking the occasional question. It seems likely that the outcome will be yet another greenfield lost and an anti-social positioning next to an existing industrial estate.

LEWES LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The inadequacy of both the proposed Lewes Local Plan and the failure by Lewes District Council (LDC) to publicise the whole process were two of the strongest themes aired by the hundreds of villagers attending the event at the Village Hall on 17 January.

It ran from noon to 7pm and Nadeem Din, Head of Planning Policy at LDC, gave a briefing to an attentive audience at 5pm. It became evident during the course of the day that he and his very small team were not at all familiar with the area and had not expected the sort of numbers who attended. RAGE's large and colourful map proved to be a valuable asset illustrating the possible expansion of the village size, whereas the LDC maps covered the whole District and didn't really assist in understanding what might be in store for Ringmer.

A huge thank-you to those who turned out and the new members who have signed up to RAGE subsequently, also to Alan West who moved us into the larger Symons Hall for the 5pm address. Nadeem did undertake to feed back the comments on lack of publicity to LDC but whether they will respond positively to the suggestion that paper copies be made available in the time remaining is not guaranteed (the consultation is due to end on 19 February).

Our advice to you is simple: please respond to the consultation online if you can but avoid the tick box reply and instead express your personal feelings to every question you choose to answer. We are not given to self-congratulation at RAGE but think we can take some credit for communicating the date, the reminder on the day and the necessity for attending this occasion. We will continue to inform you of what is happening and how you can have some input to this very critical period of change in the village.

You can find the consultation at https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/LDC_PO_2023/consultationHome.

There are options to download a PDF so that you can fill it in and post back if you prefer. **Please note the consultation now closes on 19 February (website will be updated to reflect this).**

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Earlier on the morning of writing, the temperature was -7 deg C, car windscreens were obscured by ice, trugs carelessly left outside sported a layer of ice and even tough Bergenias were hunched over as though in an effort to keep warm. Despite all this, a hardy group of keen gardeners met in the Church Room at St Mary's to discuss opening their gardens to raise money for St Peter and St James Hospice at Chailey.

Last year in Ringmer, we raised more than £2,000 by opening some ten or so gardens during the summer. Villages throughout the local area raised just over £50,000 by doing the same. In order to provide the services it offers, the Hospice needs around £10,000 per day, which makes fundraising absolutely vital. We have agreed to open on the weekend of 22/23 June from 2pm until 5.30pm and would very much like to incorporate more gardens on the proposed trail.

If you live in Ringmer and would like to take part please contact Wendy Agate at the Hospice at WAgate@stpjhospice.org If you are not a gardener but would like to help raise funds, could you consider baking a cake or helping with teas? A large proportion of the money we raised came from teas and plant sales so offers of help would be gratefully received. If you are unable to help in any of those ways please put the dates in your diary so that we may have the pleasure of seeing you in June. For those not on email, phone Teresa Keen on 01273 813758 or Marilyn Linehan on 01273 812345.

St Peter and St James Hospice provide care to people with life-limiting illnesses and their family and friends across Burgess Hill, Haywards heath, Lewes and Uckfield. For more information on what they do, head to stpjhospice.org



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PLANNING NEWS – LEWES LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION CLOSES 8 FEBRUARY 2024

Residents will be aware of the new housing developments in Caburn Field and off Bishops Lane. There are three other developments within the village with planning permission that will deliver a further 221 homes. There are also two other active applications that will deliver a further 168 homes. It is tempting to ask when the development will stop, given that aspects of the village infrastructure cannot properly cope with the current demands.

The Lewes Local Plan will determine where future development will take place. The draft proposals show that there may be a significant development that could double to size of the village. Much of the land earmarked for development lies to the north of the Lewes Road. Lewes District Council organised a meeting in the Village Hall on 17 January to explain their draft plan and answer residents' questions. The overwhelming view of those residents attending the meeting was dismay at the proposed development of the village.

We have an opportunity to express our opinion on the Local Plan during the consultation period which **ends on 19 February**. This is extended from the previous date of 8 February and the website will be updated accordingly.

The Local Plan can be found online at https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/LDC_PO_2023

Within the draft plan following each section are a series of questions that may be answered giving your opinion on the proposals. Your responses can be delivered online, by email or by post. All details of how to respond are included on the website. The Parish Council urges all residents to look at these proposals and respond to Lewes District Council before the deadline as a matter of urgency. There will be guidance available in the next few days to help you with your responses.

The email address is localplan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk and the postal address is Lewes District Council, c/o Eastbourne Borough Council, Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG.

You may also wish to express your opinions on the draft Local Plan proposals to our three LDC councillors, who may be contacted by email:

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johnny.denis@lewes.gov.uk

emily.obrien@lewes.gov.uk

VILLAGE NOTICES



HALF MARATHON FOR STREET PASTORS

Jonathan Leeson and his wife live in Ringmer. He ran his first half marathon aged 54, simply because a friend, who trained him up, believed he could do it. Jonathan is a member of a Brighton Street Pastors team, patrolling the streets, down by the beach, and outside the clubs, and hopes to raise £50,000 for the Ascension Trust, the umbrella body for Street Pastors

nationally. On 25 February he will again run the Brighton Half Marathon – over his 70th birthday.

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Jonathan says, "Please support my run for Street Pastors nationally, by going to my JustGiving page <https://www.streetpastors.org/brighton-half-marathon/> and helping me reach my target of £50,000."



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WORLD PRAYER DAY AT RINGMER VILLAGE HALL

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

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The World Day of Prayer is an internationally recognised ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative, and has been going since 1887. It is celebrated in more than 170 countries around the world, aiming to bring together women of various cultures and traditions in prayer, common fellowship and action throughout the year.

Three years before the event, women from a specific country are invited to write the service. In 2021, Palestinian Christian women were invited to write the service for 2024. Little did they know in 2021 what the state of their part of the world would be now.

Christian Palestinians are only two per cent of the population and have strived for years to be a bridge between the two communities in conflict, often at great cost to themselves.

On behalf of the committee, Martine Bailey says: "We hope many will come to honour them. Although this service is put together by women, everybody is welcome to come and join us."

Through the World Day of Prayer, people are encouraged to become aware of the burdens carried by others around the world. Palestine's theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love". Next year's World Day of Prayer is "I Made You Wonderful", written by representatives from the Cook Islands. See wwdp.org.uk

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