

**The Parish Church of  
St. Margaret's Horsmonden**

**PEW SHEET for week commencing  
SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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**SERVICES Today – 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY**

**The 9.00am Service of Holy Communion is at St. Margaret's church and  
will use the Book of Common Prayer and is led by Rev. C. Paget. Our**

**10.30 Holy Communion service**

**will be in the church hall, Goudhurst Rd and led by rev Christopher  
Miles**

**Readings for both services will be from**

**Colossians 1 v11-17**

**Luke 10 v25-37**

**Whichever of our services you are attending today, we hope that you  
feel welcome among friends and get the inspiration you seek from  
worshipping together with others from our community and beyond.**

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## **Messages**

***On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9.15 there will a united reflection service at the Methodist church. Followed by Wesley's Kettle. All welcome***

### **A few notices from Richard Stubbings:**

#### **The Horsmonden Village Society**

***There will be a meeting of the new Village Society on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the Social Club. The Society is being formed to seek to protect all aspects of our village environment and possibly to incorporate the work of Village Vision. On 20<sup>th</sup> July we will give a feedback on the work that has been on-going by members to try to save our Village Pharmacy in the face of new Government proposals. We will also be discussing a Constitution for the Society and seeking to form a small committee to take matters forward.***

***We hope that you will be interested enough to be able to join us, whether or not you came to the last meeting. If you have any questions please speak to Richard Stubbings.***

#### **Church Repairs**

***The current phase of church repairs is well underway and should be finished by early August. I like to think that it has been relatively painless! Roof tiles have been replaced, lead flashings and other damaged lead and aluminium items repaired and stonework repaired / replaced on the parapets. As you will have noticed the scaffolding has now been moved from the south wall to the north wall, but drainage work continues on the south with the installation of new soakaways and pipe links to them. A water butt will continue to be available on the south side.***

***When these works are finished we will have a church that is better equipped to withstand the rain and the weather and be less prone to rising damp in the walls. If you have any questions then please get in touch.***

***Richard Stubbings***

#### **The Church Improvement Project**

***Following the launch of our Extension Project at the Annual Parish Meeting in March the full consultancy team that will be necessary has been appointed. We are very lucky that Richard Williams, who managed the Kindergarten project, has agreed to project manage our extension. The consultancy team is being***

**led by Ptolemy Dean, a well known architect with key responsibilities for, amongst other buildings, Westminster Abbey.**

**We have had a very favourable response to our feasibility proposals from the Diocese, English Heritage and the Tunbridge Wells Borough Conservation Officer, amongst others. An extensive survey of the site has been undertaken and the plan is to put in a detailed planning application to the Borough Council in the Autumn. If all goes well we should see completion of the extension in the latter part of 2017.**

**If you have any queries about the project please speak to Richard Stubbings.**

#### **Restoration of Sanctuary Tiles and Mosaics**

**We would like to draw your attention to the notices on the Church notice board and in the porch advertising the Churchwarden's intention to petition for a Faculty to restore and conserve the Victorian sanctuary tiling and mosaics, and to restore the original altar reredos, although it is not yet clear where this will be re-sited. These features are a part of the history of our Church and we have been fortunate to obtain a grant of £2,000 towards this work from the Churchcare organisation with a local promise of the balance.**

**If you have any comments or questions on this project please could you speak to Richard Stubbings in the first place.**

#### **Historical Society Annual Outing**

**Following on from the success of recent outings, the Horsmonden Historical Society is pleased to announce that our Annual Outing for 2016 will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 24th August. We plan to go to Chilham Castle and Garden. This house is not open to the general public so this is a one-off opportunity. The foundations for the house date from Anglo-Saxon times. The Norman keep, which is still lived in, is said to have been built for King Henry II in 1174. The infamous King Edward II stayed here, perhaps on his way to France to marry Isabella, daughter of Philip IV, King of France. The gardens were landscaped by Capability Brown, although they have been altered since. The day will begin with an optional pub lunch. After lunch, we visit the Castle, where there will be a guided tour of the house, tea in the Castle's tea room and a chance to relax in the gardens. At a cost of only £12 per person, which includes entry to the house, a guided tour of the house, a visit to the garden and tea, this represents excellent value. The outing is open to all – invite your friends or family and have a great day out. For further details or to book, contact Sean Lawrence on 01892 725709 or email [seanpalawrence@gmail.com](mailto:seanpalawrence@gmail.com). Numbers are limited to 25, so book your place early.**

**Don't forget, our Society meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month (with a break over summer). Everyone is welcome to attend. Our next meeting is on Thursday September 22nd 2016. For any further information please speak to Richard Stubbings.**

**St. Margaret's Pastoral Team**

***Please remember that the Pastoral Team are always available to help simply anyone who may need comfort or assurance. If you know of someone who has a need please let one of the team know. Be assured that all their actions are conducted in absolute confidence.***

***One point they asked to be advertised is the ever present existence of Ready Call. This is a fantastic service available in our community. Headed by Jenny Dixon and her team they organise volunteers to take those not able to travel easily to appointments, visits or just simple things like shopping. This is real outreach and we need to continually make all aware of it.***

***Please remember that this pew sheet is a good way of communicating with those in your Church and beyond. If you are doing anything, make sure you let Gill Hancock or our Church Wardens know and they will see it gets advertised or acknowledged. We must be seen as a 'Living Church'***

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