

***PEW SHEET for week commencing
SUNDAY 20th March 2016***

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

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SERVICES Today - Palm Sunday

Today we have two services, 9.00am in the Church and please carefully note that the 10.30am service is in the ***SCHOOL HALL***.

The 9.00am Service of Holy Communion will use the Book of Common Prayer and will be led by Rev Sue. who will also be giving the talk.

There will be hymns sung and Mark Bromley will play the organ for us.

Readings will be from Psalm 118 v/s 19-29 and from Luke 19 v/s 28-40.

The service at 10.30am in the ***SCHOOL HALL*** will be led by Rev Sue and Roger Hulbert will be giving the talk. This will be a

Cafe Service and the music will be led by Ron Wetton.

The readings will be the same as the 9.00am service.

PLEASE NOTE Kate Hart-Dyke has informed us that the school has a new car park entry system (staff only now, like most schools) and the gates will not open automatically as they used to. Please can people therefore try and park close by and walk, unless they have mobility problems in which case it can be opened with Kate's fob.

St. Margaret's is currently running without an Administrator which is very unfortunate since this puts substantial extra pressure on Rev. Sue who is doing her best to keep things going. Please think carefully if you feel a calling to consider taking on this role or to be able to help in other ways, all of which would be very much appreciated.

*The Funeral of Richard March will take place
at St. Margaret's Church on Friday 1st April at 3.00pm.*

*So many friends will have special memories of time spent
in the company of Richard and Jane. These memories will give us strength
as we support Jane, Marco and the family at this time.*

Please hold them in your Love and thoughts, but above all your prayers.

Whichever of our two 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.

This coming week is Easter week so may we bring the following to your attention:-

On GOOD FRIDAY (25th March) we will be holding a short service on The Green. This will be at 10.30am and will include a Bible Reading and music.

On EASTER SUNDAY we will have two services at St Margaret's. 9.00am BCP Holy Communion and a 10.30am Family Service also with Communion.

Easter Memorial Lilies

We will once again be filling the Church with spring flowers and Easter Lillies. These are traditionally memorial lilies for which donations would be gratefully received.

If you would like to donate towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one please contact Jane Gerard-Pearse on 01580 211106 or you can leave your donations in a sealed envelope at the doctors surgery marked for the attention of Ali Knott.

REFUGEE CRISIS

Urgent message from Calais warehouses - Please do not stop bringing aid.

This message has been passed on to all the parishes by the Rochester Diocese. There is a crisis of aid supplies in Calais right now. Because of the demolition of the "Jungle" people assume Calais is "over" and have stopped bringing donations to the collection warehouses who supply aid not only to the thousands of people needing help still in Calais but also to the camp in Dunkirk.

Please help if you can, your donations can be taken to Heath Stores who are acting as a collection depot and Kate Mills will be taking supplies to Calais on Tuesday 29th March and monthly thereafter.

THE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS ARE

Tents, warm sleeping bags, roll mats, toiletries, hats, socks, gloves, tinned food, bottled water.

ESPECIALLY men's gloves, men's underwear s/m, men's joggers s/m, waterproof coats (small)

Shoes/ sturdy trainers/ walking boots - Euro size 41-43.

If you want to buy things for the refugees on line with a 20% discount please let me know.

Ron Wetton

REFUGEE CRISIS - FUND RAISING

After discussing this awful humanitarian crisis on several occasions the PCC decided we should support the Christian charity Tearfund in their work with the refugees. A donation has therefore recently been given and we shall in the near future arrange a frugal lunch on their behalf. However we would also like to encourage everyone to consider whether they may be able to hold an event to raise further funds.

For instance could you arrange a coffee and cake morning? Or prepare an evening meal for paying guests?

Organise a quiz? Offer to do an evening's paid babysitting?

A garage sale/bring and buy event/plant sale?

Help organise a concert/entertainment evening?

I could go on but I'm sure your ingenuity is boundless. Please see what you can do. Just let me know, we might need to see that dates don't clash if you all get really enthusiastic. Wouldn't that be a good problem to have?

All funds raised should be given to Steve Jones in the first instance and we can then forward on to the charity when we have a sizeable amount.

Ron Wetton

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 continue to pray for our friends Jean Bigwood and Connie Mannering. Please remember both in your prayers and also pray for those who care for them.

On Tuesday (22nd March) we have our Church Coffee Morning at the Social Club. Please call by any time from 10.00am onwards. You will be among friends and enjoy meeting with others over Gill and Pauline's coffee.

Please find below 2 messages from Richard Stubbings

Progress report on St. Margaret's repair works

At the moment the contractors are checking the permeability of the land around the Church so you may see a number of holes in the ground. They will use the information that they obtain to design the new underground drainage system. Our archaeology consultants have been keeping a weather eye on the process in order to check for any remains or other items of interest. The main contract will start on 29th March when the builders compound will be erected in the churchyard at the east end of the Church.

Horsmonden Village Society

A group of us, as concerned residents, have been discussing the idea of forming a Horsmonden Village Society. This would be a way of trying to protect our village environment. It would involve setting up a group for the discussion of significant village issues as they arise and then making our views known to the appropriate authorities. We would try to communicate major issues throughout the village at an early date unhindered by procedure, politics or any other limitations, and then meet to discuss them and what action we could take. We would liaise with the Parish Council and any others as appropriate. A number of villages around have set up such a Society with some success. However, this would be your Society and, as long as the particular concerns are supported by the majority, the Society would seek to take them forward. A meeting is planned in the Social Club on Tuesday 22 March at 8pm to discuss the possible formation of such a Society and everybody in the village is invited.

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 tell Rev Sue or our Church Wardens and they will see it gets advertised or acknowledged.

We must be seen as a 'Living Church'

Please see the last page for activities in the coming days and weeks

CHURCH activities and other village events that may attract your interest.

THIS WEEK:-

- Monday** Snooker and Table Tennis at the Social Club 2.00pm-4.00pm
Bingo at the Social Club 7.45pm
Village Choir practice (all welcome) at the Methodist Hall 7.45pm
Short Mat Bowls - Home match v East Peckham
- Tuesday** Coffee at the Social Club 10.00am-11.30am
- Wednesday** Wednesday morning House Group meets at 6, Angley Ct 10.30am
Snooker and Table Tennis at the Social Club 2.00pm-4.00pm
Over 60's meet at the Village Hall. 7.30pm
- Thursday** Morning WI 3C's meet at the Social Club 10.00am
Historical Society meet at the Methodist Hall 8.00pm
- Friday** Short Service on the Village Green at 10.30am
(Good Friday) Bell Ringing practice at St Margaret's 7.45pm
Social and Games evening at the Social Club 7.00pm
- Sunday** Service of Communion (BCP) at St Margaret's 9.00am
(Easter Day) Easter Family Service with Communion at St Margaret's 10.30am

DATES for your DIARY

FRIDAY 25th March	Good Friday
SUNDAY 27th March	Easter Sunday
SATURDAY 23rd April	St. Georges Day. FoHPS Dog and Pet show
Weekend of 10th /12th June	Horsmonden Summer Festival