

**PEW SHEET for week commencing
SUNDAY 27th March 2016**

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

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SERVICES Today - Easter Sunday

There are two services today at 9.00am and 10.30am
and both are in St. Margaret's Church

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.

Readings will be from Acts c10 vs34-43 and Luke c24 vs1-12.

The 10.30am Easter Family Service will also include Holy Communion and the
readings will be the same as the 9.00am service. It will be led by Rev Sue who will
also give the talk.

Mark Bromley will be playing the organ for hymns that will be sung.

St. Margaret's is currently running without an Administrator and having
very generously produced our excellent and colourful Pew Sheets for the last year,
Kell is stepping down from this role which creates another sizeable void.

*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.

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, Jennifer Naylor and Connie Mannering.
Please remember them in your prayers and also pray
for those who care for them.

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. For further information please contact Richard Stubbings.

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'

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
(Easter Monday) Bingo at the Social Club 7.45pm
Village Choir practice (all welcome) at the Methodist Hall 7.45pm
- Tuesday Short Mat Bowls practice - Village Hall 7.30pm
- Wednesday Wednesday morning House Group meets at 6, Angley Ct 10.30am
Snooker and Table Tennis at the Social Club 2.00pm-4.00pm
Ready-Call meeting at Penhall, Lamberhurst Road 7.15pm
- Sunday Service of Communion (BCP) at St Margaret's 9.00am
(3rd April) Family Service with Baptism at St Margaret's 10.30am

DATES for your DIARY

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| SATURDAY 23 rd April | St. Georges Day. FoHPS Dog and Pet show |
| Weekend of 10 th /12 th June | Horsmonden Summer Festival |