

A Word from our Editor

I'm writing the following because I know it will be of significant interest to a lot of local people, including those who have not previously taken part in any comments or discussion regarding the proposed housing development and won't therefore have received it. I've been notified that the Public Enquiry for the Planning Appeal for 140 homes at Cotton Hill will take place on 16th September and I'm copying below from the text of the notification : The inquiry is being live streamed and can be viewed at www.ashford.gov.uk/planning-appeals. All comments previously sent to ABC relating to the application for planning permission have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate. All appeal information and documentation can be viewed online through the Public register at https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/s/register-view?c_g=&c_r=Aecus_BE_Public_Register I found it hard to see how to copy the last part of that link but you need the appeal reference AP-90731. You may attend the Public Inquiry if you wish and, at the discretion of the Inspector, take part in the discussion. The Planning Inspectorate ... point out that a copy of the letter which sets out the final decision ...(with) reasons for reaching that decision, will only be sent to those who have previously asked for a copy of it. The decision will be published on <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Spot the hole in the ground – much activity in Hamstreet to turn our phone lines digital. Articles in the newspapers warn of the effect that might have on some Lifelines – worth checking ?

Last but not least, the exam results have now been received. Congratulations and commiserations to everyone, begin the next stage in your educational life with your head held high, hope in your heart and steely determination!

**Just a thought (with apologies to those who disagree):
Health hint- if you swap your morning tea or coffee for a cup of green tea you will lose 87.5% of whatever joy is left in your life.**



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Warehorne Hall - Weekly Timetable



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WEEKLY CALENDAR HAMSTREET VICTORY HALL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
pilates 9-10	Pilates 9-10	Parent & toddler 9-11	Tai Chi 9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30
	Beginner Pilates 10.10-11.10	Yoga 1 - 2.15	Dog Training 5.30-7.30 (Times vary)	
WI 7.30-9.30 2 nd Mon of Month	Bowls 7.30-10pm			Bowls 7.30-10pm

BOOTFAIR April - Oct
1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH

SCARECROW TRAIL



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SUNDAY
12 October
2025
10.00–16.00

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Orlestone WI

The rules of the WI – which is a national organisation, not a local social group – state that all WIs must hold at least 11 monthly meetings each year, so along with many others Orlestone WI takes a break in SEPTEMBER. No meeting, no speaker, no Committee meetings – a chance to draw breath. However, we like to get together at least once for a friendly occasion, so this year we went for a lovely lunch at Stubbs, Ashford and took along our husbands and significant others. We chose from their Set Lunch menu, which gave us plenty of choices and arrived in generous portions on nicely hot plates. The two ladies who were taking care of our 29-strong party could not have done a better job, being helpful, friendly and very efficient. Highly recommended.



We may not hold any meetings in August but we've ordered diaries, booked our Christmas dinner, bought tickets for an anniversary tea, booked a second CPR & Defibrillator training day, planned a competition entry for a Group meeting, posted a donation to the Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance and begun to write a Mystery short story. Well, that last might just be me!



Open to all women, we meet on the second Monday monthly (no meeting in August) in Victory Hall, Hamstreet starting at 7.30pm. Come as a guest for 2 meetings, paying just £1.00 before becoming a member. The WI is a national organisation, existing to improve the lives of women and the things that matter to them. You can become involved at local, county or national level – the opportunities are there for you!

Contact Margaret Hanlon 07748 006249 or hanlon1@btinternet.com orlestone.wi@outlook.com



At the end of July several of us went to Goodnestone Park where we enjoyed the extensive grounds of lawns, woodlands and flower gardens. Lunch in the sunshine was a pleasure once we'd devised a way to keep the wasps occupied at a distance from our food. Preparations were in place for one of the many weddings held at the premises and we peeked into a huge marquee which was painted inside with beautiful flower designs.

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Royal British Legion

Dennis (Chairman), Peter (Vice Chairman) & Carola manned the RBL stand at the Hamstreet Community Day. Thank you to all who came to visit and joined us for a chat.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HAMSTREET & DISTRICT BRANCH

The aim of the Royal British Legion is to support ex-service personnel, but you do not need to be ex-military to belong.

VJ 80 DAY

Although Japan accepted the Potsdam Declaration on 15th SEPTEMBER 1945 bringing the Second World War to an end, the official surrender document was not signed until 2nd September 1945. We are commemorating this important event at 11am on Tuesday 2nd September at the Hamstreet War Memorial with a short service.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

We will be participating in an 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain themed service at 10.30 on 14th September in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet.

QUIZ

We are holding a quiz, in conjunction with the Hamstreet Sports & Social Club, at 19.30 on Thursday 18th September in the Hamstreet Sports Pavilion. £2 a head, teams of six. For further details please contact Mags Wellsted-Boarman on 07886515573

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Our popular Annual coffee morning in support of the Poppy Appeal will be at 10am on Saturday 1st November in the Victory Hall, Hamstreet.

ALDINGTON CHURCH

We will be supporting Aldington Church in dedicating a home made Poppy Cascade at 4pm on Sunday 2nd November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year's Remembrance service will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 9th September in Warehorne Church.

BRANCH COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Please remember that Revd Geoff, our BCP officer, is contactable at any time by any ex service personnel in the area.

The Hamstreet branch welcomes new members, who may or may not have any armed service links, but share the aims of the Royal British Legion to provide welfare & support to service personnel & their families. If you feel you could support such aims, please contact our Chairman, Dennis Seton, 0788076806 or our Secretary, Caitie Gould, 07388553512. Thank you.

Peter Gostling 07713104488



Kent Scouts Botswana2025 Global Project >

Ruckinge Cubs well, just Akela!

Susan Hanlon, Akela of Ruckinge & Hamstreet Cubs, has been in Botswana until this week, acting as one of the leaders of the Kent Scouts Botswana Global Project '25. Far from being a holiday this is a group of Scouts and Explorers undertaking a range of conservation tasks in an area with plenty of wildlife and plenty of challenges.

It started with a long, long journey with flights from Heathrow to Addis Ababa, then to Johannesburg and on to Botswana, finishing with a 4 hour bus journey on roads which make our potholes fade into insignificance.

The group have undertaken a range of conservation tasks such as replacing soil erosion defences, repairing the borders of waterholes, making surveys and records – all to ensure the survival of the large range of wildlife in the area. The young people taking part will have a some wonderful memories and unforgettable experiences, as well as facing and overcoming some challenges, that will be with them for the rest of their lives.



Guides magazine report

Saturday the 26th was the first day at camp. The leaders had set up the day before but we still needed to put up our tents. There were 14 guides in total this camp putting us into 3 patrols: Daisy, Poppy and Bluebelle. We all worked hard and put up all the tents by the afternoon.

Sunday we started off by finishing making our wooden gadgets, before Isabel came to do "reflection" with us where we learnt about teamwork. For lunch we made our own fires and cooked potato parcels. After eating we split into our patrols and rotated around three activities. We did axe throwing, archery and we also packed our bags for the next day.

Monday we started with a rushed morning to get to Lydd aqua park, with Tim driving the mini bus. Once we got there we first started with paddle boarding for an hour. Everyone had fun but some struggled a bit as it was their first time doing it. We had lunch while we were waiting, then we did the obstacle course for an hour. This activity earned the water adventure badge for some guides. After an exhausting day at Lydd we got back to camp and set up our emergency shelters that we slept in that night. The shelters were warm and everyone enjoyed sleeping in them and looking up at the stars.

Tuesday morning we had natural remedies and split to do 4 different activities in our patrols. We had oat and banana face masks, we made bath bombs, we tried different teas that helped you sleep and we made lavender bags to put in our pillows. Everyone loved doing these as they were relaxing and fun to do. Doing these helped some earn their natural remedies interest badge. After lunch we used bamboo sticks, string, a bottle and rubber bands to create a bottle launcher. We all completed our launchers and were able to make the bottle get to the other end of the string. We disassembled them after we had fun and made energy bars for our snack for the hike the next day with help from Hazel. We made lots of the energy bars and we all loved the flavour of them. We packed them away in our bags and had dinner, after we played a game in the dark. We had to solve the morse code shown by the light of a torch and go to the place in camp we got. The first patrol there got to light some sparklers as their prize.

Wednesday we had a very busy day. For our hike we first had to plot our map with coordinates given by Gill. We packed our bags and set off in 4 groups. The walk took us around Egerton with a few geocaches on the way. Two people fell ill with heat stroke and stayed at camp. We got back to camp, had lunch and then started plotting our route for our second hike. For our second hike we were split into 2 groups: the long walk and the shorter walk. The shorter walk was based around a route of geocaches leading to Headcorn train station. The group that did the longer walk stayed on track and didn't get lost. Once everyone had got back we went back to camp to have dinner, after dinner we had a campfire and sang lots of songs. The guides mainly stuck to songs they knew but it was very fun.

Thursday morning was quite a chill morning as we did our chores. We went into the activity tent where we made feathered shuttlecocks to play a game called "Jian zi" which is a Chinese game where you try to kick up the shuttlecock as many times as you can. We played with those for a while until we went out into the Dering wood, just down the road, for a treasure hunt. We split into our patrols. We had to find letters and stamp them on our card. We navigated around the woods and all three groups got nearly all of them. After we had finished in the woods we walked back to camp with the help of a leader. Since we had some spare time we all took down our wash tents and one of our toilet tents to make it easier to pack up on Friday. We ended the day with a campfire where we sang lots of songs and enjoyed our last night at camp.

Friday was a busy day. We started by getting up and having breakfast before undoing our wooden gadgets and airing out the wood. The store tent items and the tables were taken in the mini van back to camp. We then were able to take down the guides' tents and they were rolled and put away neatly. After those, the activity and store tent was taken down and everything was down before lunch. We had lunch and then Tim arrived in the mini bus so we loaded our bags and bedrolls after checking the floor for pegs and rubbish. We got on the bus and we went back to the village hall and got picked up by our parents.

I loved guide camp like always, everyone had so much fun. I gained more confidence and independence this year.

I especially loved the aqua park as it was a fun day out.

- Kayleigh Quinn



Sunday 3rd August

8-12 noon

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Refreshments
bacon rolls
hot dogs

£5 per stall

Turn up on the
day for a stall



Hamstreet Victory hall & village green

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A SHOUT OUT TO ANY
**FLOWER
ARRANGERS!**



If you would be interested in arranging flowers in the church for the Sunday service, or joining in with others for a special occasion like Harvest or Christmas, we would be interested in hearing from you.
If you have done the flowers before, you can put your name on the flower rota in the church. If you would like more information or to provide your contact details, phone Linda King on 01233 720554.

A top-down photograph of a hearty breakfast spread on a dark wooden table. The main plate contains two sunny-side-up eggs, a strip of bacon, a sausage, baked beans, cherry tomatoes, and a slice of toast with a fried egg on top. Accompanying items include a cup of coffee, a glass of orange juice, and a small bowl of butter. The entire image is framed by a teal border with a white circular pattern.

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St. Mary Magdalene Church, Ruckinge

Our building works are progressing and the kitchen units are installed, the glass is being replaced in the tower screen and the screen itself will be repainted; the new pathway has the base layer completed. We are glad to be able to hire the village hall for services and coffee mornings and once we're back in the church and all tidied up we're looking forward to a visit from Bishop Rose.

Saturday Coffee Mornings continue to be very happy and well-supported occasions, the cakes never disappoint and the sausage rolls disappear in a flash. 10am – 11.30am every Saturday morning, pay by generous donation – the cost of baking is so much greater than it was this time last year. Money is still needed for the church building works, especially to ensure new heating before the winter months as the old boilers have been removed – no jokes about the congregation please!

Prayer of Peacefulness

Loving Father,
We give you thanks for the beauty of Galilee,
where Our Saviour walked by the shore.
The peacefulness of the water,
timeless,
tells of his ministry.
We are amazed by the perfection of the smallest shells
and glory in the wonder of Your creation.
We reach across time and go back.
We see a figure calling to the fishermen.
Friends, have you caught anything?
Jesus gave instructions to his friends
and a full net was dragged to the shore.
The Sea of Galilee still brings us to the time of Christ
and we give thanks for this opportunity
to find the echo of Jesus and his disciples.
On calm days,
we can find the peace that it brought
with the chance to speak of the kingdom of heaven.
We know that the sea can become rough
with a storm suddenly changing,
and this takes us to Our Lord Jesus in a boat,
calming the storm to bring peacefulness.
Help us to calm our fears and worries,
to seek the knowing that is his word,
guiding us to You.
May the water
deepen our faith
as we gaze into its misty stillness.
May the water,
soul soothing,
help us to find the peace of Your kingdom
with its amazing love.
Amen.
Gaynor Cobb.



Our next big event is the annual Ride and Stride which takes place this year on Saturday 13 th September. If you can, please cycle or walk for our church around some of the hundreds of churches in Kent – you can drive or take a train to anywhere and start your route from there, no need to stick to the local area, it makes an interesting day out! Half the money you raise through sponsorship in the name of St Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge comes to this church, the other half goes to Friends of Kent Churches which makes grants and which has helped to fund our current building improvements.

Harvest Festival will take place on 19 th October. We do not expect the church to be completely ready on that date so we're planning a Harvest Tea in the Village Hall.

More details later.

Enquiries to Mary Sillibourne, Churchwarden 01233 732615

ST MARY MAGDALENE, RUCKINGE



Saturday 13th September

10am – 6pm



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IRENE SHAW

We were very sad to hear that Irene had died at her care home, she passed away very peacefully; Irene had been part of the Ruckinge community since moving here in 1974. She was elected to the Parochial Church Council in 1998 and became Church Secretary in 1980, serving until 1992 when she became Churchwarden.

Irene was crucial in the running of Coffee Mornings, Bike Ride Days and the annual Warm Up for Christmas as well as many more activities.

In 2008, when the Bishop at the time told us that if we wanted the church to stay open we needed to do it ourselves, without hesitation Irene said 'Yes'. So she ran Family Services and led Matins; she had been a teacher at Brenzett Primary School and was well qualified.

For many years Irene helped to collate the Parish Magazine and was responsible for their distribution. Another of her skills was flower arranging and many are grateful to her for her teaching of that art. She loved singing and was a member of the Ashford Choral Society and the Brookland Singers.

Irene was a wonderful example to us all of loyalty and commitment and she is greatly missed.

Mary Sillibourne



Irene Shaw on the left.



Last Sunday my daughter took me to Canterbury Cathedral. The object of the outing was to attend Evensong and to be sworn in as Churchwarden for Ruckinge. The swearing in takes place every year at a special service which I was unable to go to this year. I wasn't the only one so extra events had been laid on. The choir stalls were full and we were shown to seats further up.

The Cathedral Choir is on holiday and their place was taken by a Church choir from Pennsylvania in the USA. It was a very large choir with a vast age range. My goodness they could sing and their Anthem had been written for their visit to England. After the Service the organ played I don't know what but it got a well deserved round of applause from the many who had stayed to listen. The Churchwardens who were present were ushered into a side Chapel. After signing the the necessary paper work we were admitted to Office by the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Mary Sillibourne Churchwarden Ruckinge Parish Church.

Warehorne Unknown Donors

Dear Warehorne Parish Students,

The Warehorne Unknown Donors Charity is a local organisation established to provide financial support to the parishioners of Warehorne.

Funds are raised not only through kind donations, but also from the rental income of two agricultural fields owned by the charity. Parishioners originally donated these fields in the 19th century, a testament to the community's enduring support.

Over the years, these funds have made a significant difference in our community by helping to support children from the parish of Warehorne in their educational journey and providing essential educational items for the local school and village hall.

On occasion, discretionary payments have been made to parishioners in times of hardship. Funds are now distributed primarily to Warehorne students who are aged 16 or over and in full-time further education. If you or someone you know may benefit from our help please apply using the contact information below. We are also willing to consider applications from younger students or their parents if we have sufficient funds available.

Email: warehorneunknowndonors@yahoo.com

Write to: Warehorne Unknown Donors, 3 Hardens View, Church Road, Warehorne, TN26 2LG

If you wish to find out more information visit the Charity Commission web-site

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Please note that applications must be received by AUGUST 31st annually for each year of further education study and will be considered by the committee of trustees at the AGM in September each year. The value and distribution of grants will depend upon funds available and cannot be guaranteed.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Pam, Will, Kelly & Sam

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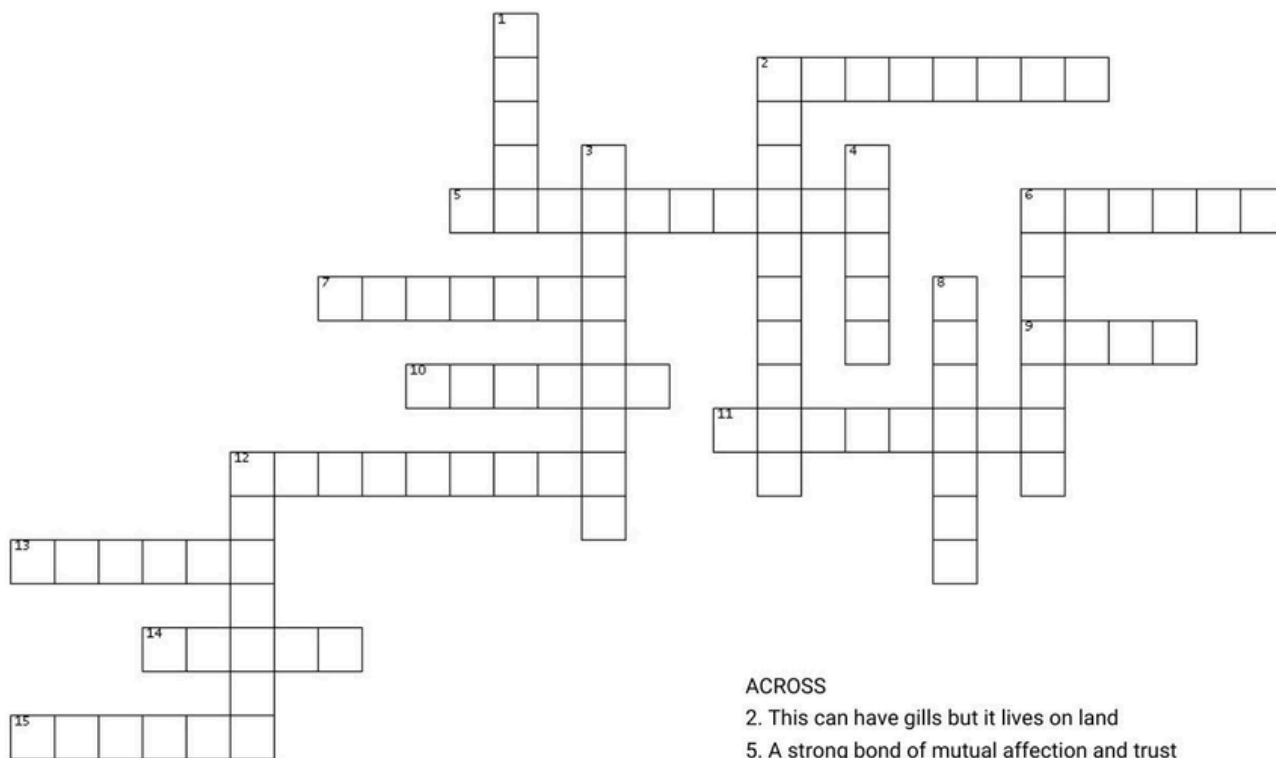
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September Criss-Cross

Use the clues to fill in the words.



DOWN

1. Star in Greek
2. Feast day of an archangel
3. Sung by the elements
4. One of these is said to keep the doctor away
6. You wrap-up in one of these to make yourself cozy
8. Often green but changes colour in this month
12. This activity involves a wagon, a horse and a seat of straw

ACROSS

2. This can have gills but it lives on land
5. A strong bond of mutual affection and trust
6. A plentiful supply
7. Time to gather crops
9. This months number
10. Another name for Fall
11. A deep blue precious stone
12. Some of our wildlife do this til Spring
13. A cereal grain often used in beer brewing
14. Pleasantly fresh, cold and dry
15. To search for food or provisions



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MORE CASH IN THAT PIGGY BANK!

We haven't had enough donations to make a run to the scrap metal merchants this month so the **2025 total remains at £653.30** still great news!

Keep it coming!

This cash helps the hard-working leaders and helpers of Ruckinge and Hamstreet Scouts & Guides to continue to offer a wide range of activities for the youngsters who attend weekly.

Those same youngsters will grow up and become doctors, dentists, engineers, scientists and other vital and useful members of society.

What better way to begin than in the Scouting and Guiding movements.

HAMSTREET WOODS Would you like to help us?

We are looking for new volunteers to join our practical group. We work on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. No experience necessary, we provide all the PPE and biscuits for tea break. Our group works on 3 sites around the Ashford area. The tasks include coppicing, dead hedging, scrub control, fence and gate repairs, step construction, and much more.

How to keep in touch.

If you have any questions about the woods or would like us to cover anything specific in our newsletter then please get in touch with me.

Piers.griffin@naturalengland.org.uk

You can also follow us on our Facebook page

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families all well and continuing to enjoy this lovely summer weather, albeit I am sure rural farming communities are hoping for some gentle steady rain.

Each summer brings familiar crime trends – bogus callers, rogue traders, and scams of every type: phone, email, letter, online, and even face-to-face at your doorstep. Never agree to unsolicited work, no matter how cheap or urgent it sounds. Scammers thrive on pressure and haste, so always stop, check, and if still in doubt, do nothing.

Criminals quickly exploit current events. For example, recent government changes to winter fuel payments could trigger fake repayment scams. Big events, like pop group reunions, will see bogus tickets and travel offers. Later in the year, expect insulation and heating scams. The key is to think things through and avoid rushing decisions.

Alongside these seasonal scams, everyday crimes persist: thefts from sheds, vehicles, barns, stables, oil tanks, and doorstep parcel thefts. Even lower-level crimes often link back to drug funding. Please report all incidents, however small—unreported crime makes it harder to warn and protect communities. If you see suspicious behaviour, such as vehicles meeting at night in car parks, report it. I am building strong working relationships with Ashford's Community Policing teams under Sergeants Dan Edge and Jason Bushell, who cover neighbourhood policing and task force response. They rely on accurate community intelligence to act effectively, so every report matters.

My fire service background has always been prevention first—then swift, decisive action if incidents occur. I continue to work with police leadership, councillors, MPs, and through hundreds of community networks to keep Ashford residents safe and informed.

Let us be crystal clear here: without you and your support this task would be very difficult indeed. Not impossible, but very, very difficult. With future changes in local government structures, it is essential that Neighbourhood Watch remains strong, clear, and focused.

Together we must continue to improve and be better still.

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**Thank you for your support
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Benefice Worship Calendar

SAXON SHORELINE BENEFICE WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2025			
1st Sunday: 7th September Trinity 12 (Creation 1) (Green)	9.00am Holy Communion 9.00am Holy Communion CW 10.30am Parish Communion 10.30am Harvest Festival & HC 10.00am Family Fun	St. Matthew, Warehorne St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary Orlestone inc. Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet Village Hall, Aldington	
2nd Sunday: 14th September Trinity 13 (Creation 2) Holy Cross Day Education Sunday Racial Justice Sunday (Red)	9.00am BCP H Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington Village Hall, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington	
3rd Sunday: 21st September Trinity 14 (Creation 3) Matthew: Apostle and Evangelist Battle of Britain Sunday International Day of Prayer for Peace (Red)	9.00am Holy Communion CW 9.00am Holy communion 9.30am Family Service 10.30am Prayer, Praise & Coffee 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Service	St. Rumwold, Bonnington St. Mary, Orlestone St. Mary, Kenardington Village Hall, Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington	
4th Sunday: 28th September Trinity 15 (Creation 4) Generosity Week Begins (White/Red)	9.00am Harvest BCP HC 10.30am BCP Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Harvest Festival 6.30pm Evensong	SS Peter & Paul, Bilsington St. Mary Orlestone inc. Ruckinge Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet St. Martin, Aldington St. Matthew, Warehorne	

Benefice BCP Holy Communion on Wednesdays @ 12noon, St. Mary, Orlestone:
All welcome.

Key Events: Saturday 6th September Coffee Morning 10.00 am to 11.30 am Ruckinge Village Hall

Saturday 13th September Ride and Stride. Ruckinge Village Hall will be open 10.00 am to 6.00 pm for Lunches, teas, coffee, cakes and savouries.

Saturday 27th September from 10.00 am Harvest Fun Day, Aldington Village Hall.

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