



Tenterden, St Michael's and Smallhythe
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DAILY BULLETIN
Thursday 26th March 2020

Welcome!

Good morning and here we are on Day 9. What a blessing the weather has been! Even if the mood is sombre at times, the sunshine has been beautiful. The sunrises (about 05:45) and sunsets (about 18:20) have been spectacular and are well worth looking out for if you have the chance. It is also a good time to be tending to a garden or window box and enjoy the beauty of the world around. From the 'new' bunker window this morning there have been robins, great tits and magpies enjoying the spring weather and showing that spring really is here. Apologies for the lateness of some of our uploads yesterday...the internet wasn't playing ball and Morning Prayer was a little late going up! We hope you like the new set up – isn't it good that prayer can be offered anywhere - and now, like your good selves we are praying from home!

Today's Service and Readings

Morning Prayer: Psalm 53; Exodus 4.27-6.1; Hebrews 10: 19–25.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 94 v 1 -7; Jeremiah 19: 1 - 13; John 10: 22-end.

In An English Country Garden

John has sent this photo of his lovely garden. It's enough to gladden the heart.



Apache Blessing

May the sun bring you new energy by day.

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the rain wash away your worries.

May the breeze blow new strength into your
being.

May you walk gently through the world and
know its beauty all the days of your life.

Seed Artichoke Tubers

Peter Goodwin has ten seed artichokes free to a good home! Plant now and look forward to a feast in the winter! If you are interested please contact Peter on netplan.goodwin@btinternet.com to arrange collection. Thank you, Peter, and happy gardening.

Music Requests



Yesterday we asked you to send in details of the music you would like us to play before, during and after the worship we offer each day. We'll play anything suitable, so send in your choices.

Family Food Bank

The Foodbank is desperate for donations. With schools closed for an extended period many families are now struggling to feed themselves. Our parish team have delivered about 20 parcels in the last week – a steep increase in what is usually required. You can donate money directly to the bank account:

Family Food Bank, A/C 23659130 Sort Code 60-19-04

or by cheque to

Family Food Bank, FareShare,

Unit 4

St John's Court, Ashford Business Park,

Foster Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 OSJ

Services

The Church of England has tightened up! We can't use the church to pray in and baptisms, weddings and church funerals have been suspended. That's why the services on the website are coming from a stately home (or should that be a home in a state) near you. It was sad leaving St Mildred's after Night Prayer yesterday, and yet it looked no different.

It only goes to show that without you our churches are not what they are meant to be – places where faithful Christians gather each week to worship God and find strength and inspiration to share the love of God with others. We hope and pray that we will soon be back inside our church buildings, singing and praying with joyful hearts!

In the meantime continue to share in our services by clicking on this link: <https://www.tenderdencofe.co.uk/listen>.

Today's Prayers

Please pray for those leading our town, borough and county, and for all who live in Jarvis Place, Swain Road, Heather Drive, Glenwood and Glenwood Close and Harbourne Lane.

A Prayer for Those Feeling Isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Song to Suit the Times

Here's a challenge for you. 'Strange Days' by The Doors, and 'From a Distance' by Bette Midler, are appropriate theme songs for our times. Can you think of others?

We'd Love to Hair from You!

Here's a neat link from the previous item! 'Some of the worst mistakes in my life were haircuts,' said Jim Morrison. You are in isolation at home and the hairdressers are closed. Have you had your hair cut by your nearest and dearest? Or have you cut the hair of someone else? If so, please, please send a picture. On the plus side it will look very different in twelve weeks' time!

Contacts



Our list of contacts begins with the new Helping in Tenterden number. If you need essential shopping items or prescriptions, simply ring 01580 761060 and someone will speak to you. The line is open from 8am until 2pm each day. Outside those hours you can leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Here are two familiar people looking after the phones and doing their nails!

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Coming Up Tomorrow

You will find out a little more about the care being offered to the most vulnerable people in our church community.

Please Remember

Keep Safe, Keep Praying, Keep Connected!