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Second Sunday of the Year (A) PEACE DAY - UNITY OCTAVE 19th January 2020

FUTURE OF THE PARISH Many, many thanks to all who came and contributed to the Special Parish Meeting last Thursday and please pray for the organising group as they meet to get a statement and letter ready to send to Archbishop John and the Diocese.

THIS WEEKEND We continue our Candlemas journey and also celebrate Peace Sunday - see special notice overleaf. We also begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with prayers and services at West Malling Baptist Church on Saturday 1.30-4.30pm, and St. James, East Malling on Sunday at 9.45am. There is also the Snodland United Service at All Saints, Snodland (where I will be preaching!) on Sunday at 3pm.

DURING THE WEEK We play our part in Unity Week with our Ecumenical Service here in Church on Monday (tomorrow) at 7.30pm - please support this if you can. There is also a meeting for the 1st Communion Children on Monday preparing them for their First Reconciliation on Monday week and I ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers. Also the Baby & Toddler Group meet on Tuesday and we have Adoration on Friday.

NEXT WEEKEND We continue our Candlemas journey and the week of prayer for Christian Unity with our Masses here asking the Lord to help us to take his Christmas and Epiphany light to root it in the temples of our hearts and especially our Parish in this challenging year just as he took it to the temple in Jerusalem on the first Christmas, and with the Unity Service for the Malling area at the Baptist Church, Swan Street, which we ask you to support - thanks for this.

MASSES & SERVICES

SATURDAY (Candlemas Journey) Church Unity Octave	18	5pm	Neville & Beno Perera Thanksgiving
SUNDAY (Candlemas Journey) Peace Day Second Sunday of the Year (A) Unity Octave	19	10am 3pm 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) The Parishioners Snodland United service at All Saints, Snodland Molly Forster RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY (Candlemas Journey)	20	9.30am 7.30pm	Communion Service Ecumenical Service in Church - our part in Unity Week - please support
TUESDAY (Candlemas Journey) St. Agnes	21	9.30am	Communion Service
WEDNESDAY (Candlemas Journey)	22	9.30am	Communion Service
THURSDAY (Candlemas Journey)	23	9.30am	Communion Service
FRIDAY (Candlemas Journey) St. Francis de Sales	24	9.30am 6-8pm	Communion Service Adoration - everyone welcome to join team even for 10 minutes
SATURDAY (Candlemas Journey) The Conversion of St. Paul	25	2.30pm 5pm	Baptisms: Alivia Price & Joshua Curtis Mary & Harry Fewtrell (60th Wedding Anniversary)
SUNDAY (Candlemas Journey) Third Sunday of the Year (A) Unity Octave	26	10am 4pm 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) The Parishioners Malling United Service at Baptist Church, Swan Street, West Malling The Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30pm to 4.45pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Betty Ward; Moira Stevens; May Piddock; Peter and Dee Avery; Pauline O'Toole; Mary Wilmot; Fiona Evans; Roy & Heather Lewis; Frank Ostridge; Jacky Seeds; Archie & Arrison Sullivan; Christian & Yamini Chadwick; Sheila Koster; Lawrence Jordan; Abby & Olly Blackmore; carers of the sick; our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital, Hospice and local Nursing Homes. Please pray for all affected by cutbacks, illnesses and other challenges in our country and world.

RECENTLY DEAD: Patrick Faulkin; Luke Sullivan; Baby Francis Blackmore; Bert McLelland; Mary Gallagher; also Marie Casey; David Formosa; Ewa Wszolek; Dagmar Müller; Tony Fullwood; Christopher Haskins (month's mind). Please keep in your prayers all who have died in conflict throughout the world especially the innocent civilians.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Johnson; Ellen Underhill; Molly Forster; Eleanor James; Mary Stevens; Hugh Blundell-Hawkes; Tracey Cooper; Barbara McNamara; Valerie Penfold; Lorraine Peterson; Nellie Hooker; Bernard Roff; Martin Moorhead; Nick Edwards; Bertie Roddy; Pietro Bottiglieri; Margaret Corcoran; Annie Donohoe; Daniel Lynch; Henry Gaiger.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 19	10am	Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
MONDAY 20	5-6pm	First Communion Children's Class in Church
TUESDAY 21	1.30pm to 3pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre
FRIDAY 24	7.30pm	Parish Future Organising Group meet in Priest's House
SUNDAY 26	10am	Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre

THANK YOU for your offerings which amounted to £437.27. (Standing Orders average £355 per week). The second collection for SPUC raised £265.

SECURITY Anyone going into the Church alone must notify the Parish Office **even if they have their own Church key** and lock themselves in for safety reasons. They must also notify the Office when they leave.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The next children's lesson is this **Monday 20th January 2020 from 5-6pm** (God helps me get it right - discuss from the chapter how we all change and grow and can make things better for all). ***(We have taken down photos of last year's first communicants and they will be left on the table in the porch for parents to collect.)***

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER CARDS Please take a card and pray for the child whose name is on it as they prepare for their First Communion. The cards are in a box on the table in the porch. Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February at 1.30pm. Venue: 3 Osprey Walk, Larkfield, ME20 6JJ. RSVP: Tony & Anne Law 01732 844077.

FOOD PARCEL DONATIONS Please see the noticeboard for a thank you letter from the Parish of Ss. Austin & Gregory with St. Anne's Margate thanking us for our kind and generous food parcel donations.

PACT Please see the noticeboard for a thank you letter from PACT following last year's donations amounting to £216.66.

MORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA Quiz Night on Friday 31st January (7 for 7.30pm). £5 per person. Tickets will be sold after Mass or please contact Victoria Morrissey on 07849 750272.

'CONTEMPLATING THE WORD WITH MARY' Saturday 21st March, 10am to 4pm, The Friars, Aylesford. See noticeboard.

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE are launching '**Compassionate Neighbours**' on Thursday 30th January at West Malling Baptist Church, Swan Street, West Malling. This is a free, community-led social movement offering friendship and support for anyone who is lonely, at risk of isolation and nearing the end of life through age or illness. See noticeboard for session times and further information.

CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS are looking to recruit two new Foundation Governors to join the governing body of the College. See noticeboard for full details.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS For safeguarding reasons all children under 10 must be escorted to the toilet during Mass. Could we also remind parishioners that the doors inside Church must be accessible at all times and that prams or other items must not block them. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING Fiona's Group week beginning 20th January.

CHURCH FLOWERS Elaine's Group week beginning 17th January. Maria's Group week beginning 24th January.

NOTICES Please see the Notice Board for more details.

PEACE SUNDAY The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

AREA GROUP MEETINGS

Kings Hill & Mereworth meet on Thursday 30th January at 8pm (Secret Santa - please bring a wrapped, new and unwanted Christmas present). Venue: 145 Discovery Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4DS.

RSVP Ray & Wendy Cassidy 01732 521261

