



Longfield-Links



16th January 2022 – Second Sunday of Epiphany

Hi everyone and a happy new year and welcome to the current edition of the Longfield Links, we hope that you will enjoy the information regarding St. Mary Magdalene Church here in Longfield.

Weekly Morning Prayer returns to St. Mary Magdalene Church.

A Morning Prayer service has now returned to St. Mary Magdalene Church, the short-spoken service will be every Wednesday (except when Holy Communion is being held at the church, usually the 4th Wednesday in the month). The service starts at 9.00am and lasts for around 30 minutes during January and February Adele and Alan will lead the service alternately. If you want a calm, peaceful and spiritual start to your day please do come along if you can.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day 2022 (HMD) Stand Together *'Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good.'* Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe.

The 27th of January is the day for everyone to remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia,



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Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. The 27th of January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. In the UK, thousands of local events and activities take place every year – each one an opportunity for people to reflect on those whose lives were changed beyond recognition, and to challenge prejudice, discrimination, and hatred in our own society today. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future. In 2022, the theme for HMD is 'One Day'. This resource draws on this theme in the prayers, readings, and reflections

Please do read Psalm 19 and then pray as you think of what happened at Auschwitz and the other genocides in our recent history.

Monday Bible Study – Our Monday Bible Study continues next Monday 17th January. We will be studying Philippians for the next 7 weeks.

Adele, Elizabeth and Susan are running this evening session

Zoom Monday 7.30pm - links available from e-mailed notices or on request from parishoffice@fawkhamandhartley.org.uk

Please contact Paul Thomas at paulnthomas@outlook.com for the Zoom link and a copy of the weekly notes.

Thursday Bible Study Group, Study @1.30pm – We start our new year study on Thursday 13th January with a look at the Minor Prophets, for the next three weeks we will be looking at the book of Hosea.

Alan and Susan Heads are running this Bible study group on Thursdays at 1.30pm via Zoom.

Contact Alan or Susan for more details or for the link to Zoom.

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Walking Group – Dates for 2022

Join our friendly walking group once a month as they take an easy stroll around the Parish.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 10.00am 10th February - starts at Hartley Rectory, 3 St John's Lane, Hartley

Thursday 10.00am 17th March - starts at All Saints' Church, Hartley

Thursday 10.00am 7th April - starts at St Mary's, Fawkham

Ecumenical Service for the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On Friday 21st January 10.30am in the Church of St. Francis de Sales, Hartley there will be a joint service of prayers, hymns and readings. Come and enjoy the peaceful calm of the stunningly beautiful Catholic church of St. Frances de Sales as we raise our minds and hearts to God.

Light a candle in memory of loved ones, link your hopes and dreams to the prayers of all who enter the church.

Hot drinks and cake will be offered afterwards.

Make ECO Church Count Bronze Award

In the next few months here at St. Mary Magdalene we want to make a big push on securing a bronze award for our Eco Church status. We all need to make a concerted effort to make sure that as a church we enhance our values as a creation church, thanking God for his wonderful world and our part in it. Eco church is our way of securing a future for our children and grandchildren in God's plan for his environment and our world.

Please keep yourself informed about what is happening to our world and how you could help care for it in our own local environment.

Talk to members of the RNWK Green Matters group about your ideas to make a difference in our environment. (St. Mary Magdalene representatives - Alan Strachan or Pat Dixon)

Celebrate and pray about what is happening locally and in the world regarding our environment.

Grow plants in old saucepans, drill holes in them and they make perfect plant pots. They are really good for salad crops such as lettuce and radish plus herbs such as chives and parsley.



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Tin can bee hotels (5 Star)

Fix an old tin to a fence or wall and pack it with dried, hollow plant stems from 1mm to 12mm in diameter to attract bees.

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