



Longfield-Links

13th February 2022 – Third Sunday before Lent

Hi everyone, 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 continues at 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.

Bird and Bat boxes arrive at St. Mary Magdalene Church



As a part of our Eco Church initiative at St, Mary Magdalene Church in Longfield we have now installed some new bird boxes and a bat box in the church grounds,

The four bird boxes have been mounted on trees in the churchyard and in Churchdowns and hopefully will entice the birds to live and breed there over the spring and summer months. The bat box has been installed at the back of the Jubilee Hall and will hopefully go some way to helping the bats to live and sleep somewhere safe in the future. A big thank you must go to Gary Mitton who not only built the boxes himself but installed them as well, all free of charge. Many thanks Gary you are a star.

For those who are interested in Local History. Come along - Guided tour of St George's church.

On: Tuesday 15th March 2022

At: St George's Church, Church Street, Gravesend

Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian) - Meet: 2pm.

Price: £10 (includes light refreshments at the church afterwards) – the tour will go ahead only with 10 people or more.

Booking essential via Rev. Jim Fletcher (Rector of St George's church) 01474 532505

Monday Bible Study – Our Monday Bible Study continues next Monday 14th February. We will be studying Philippians for the next 4 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 paulinthomas@outlook.com for the Zoom link and a copy of the weekly notes.

Thursday Bible Study Group, Study @1.30pm – We continue our study on Thursday 10th February with a look at the **Minor Prophets**, for this week we will be looking at the book of Joel and on Thursday 17th February we will be studying Amos.

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.

Please contact Alan for the link details.

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

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.

Don't forget to clean out your bird feeders for the spring.

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