

Notices

Wednesday Lunch Club

After lunch, the speaker **this Wednesday**, 3 May, will be Andrew Low, talking about the environs of Portsmouth and Selsey. All welcome.

Wine Tasting

St Mark's School PTA are running a wine tasting evening **this Friday**, 5 May, at 8.00pm. Tickets, which are £12.50, need to be ordered today from the vicar.

Children, Youth & Mental Health

A workshop for parents and those who work with children and young people, exploring ways to advance their mental health and well-being, bring run by the South East Training Round Table, a confederation of church and youth organisations, 9.15am-1.00pm **this Saturday**, 6 May, at Bromley Parish Church. To book go to www.separtnership.org.uk/boost

Traidcraft

The stall will be open **next Sunday**, 7 May. Browse items such as the beautiful handmade cards, olive wood crosses, bamboo socks and the usual grocery and household items. Try swapping your usual brand for a fair trade one to help encourage the fair trade cause.

Evensong @ Bromley College

The choir will be singing Evensong at Bromley & Sheppard's College, London Road, Bromley, at 5.30pm **next Sunday**, 7 May. Congregation is welcome too!

The Charity of the Month for Mar - May is **PACT**

providing practical and emotional help to prisoners and their families

Next collection - May 14

Charity Opera Gala

with Eltham College Choral Society and the London Festival Sinfonia, in aid of Chartwell Cancer Trust, 7.00pm **next Sunday**, 7 May, at Cadogan Hall, Sloane Terrace. Tickets £20 on 01959 570700 or ccttigerward@hotmail.com

PCC

meets **next Tuesday**, 9 May, at 8.00pm in the choir vestry. Papers next week.

Deanery Synod

meets **next Wednesday**, 10 May, at 8.00pm at St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst.

Open Garden

Bishopscourt Rochester will be open to the public from 11.00am-3.00pm **next Saturday**, 13 May, in aid of Christian Aid, with homemade cakes, teas and a plant sale. Entry is £2.

Bromley Youth Net

for all in Yr.6 and above, meets next on **Sunday 21 May** at 6.30pm at Bromley Parish Church.

Wine & Wisdom

Beth is running a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Choir's singing trips, in the Church Room at 7.30pm on **Saturday 27 May**. Tickets will be available from 7 May at £8 per person, which includes wine and nibbles.

Upcoming Readings

7 May	Genesis 7 Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10
14 May	Genesis 8:1-19 Acts 7:55-60; John 14:1-14
21 May	Genesis 8:20-9:17 Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21
28 May	Ezekiel 36:24-28 Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

Allegrì Singers

A short programme of French and American Choral Songs (Barber, Coupland, Whitacre, Debussy, Fauré, Poulenc, Saint-Saëns), at 6.00pm on **Saturday 13 May**, at Bromley Parish Church. Tickets £10 at allegrisingers.org.uk

Fun Walk

in aid of St Christopher's Hospice, 3, 5, 8 or 11 miles on Keston Common, from 8.30am onwards on **Sunday 14 May**. For information and to register go to www.stchristophers.org.uk/funwalk or call 020 8768 4575.

Quiet Day

Orpington Deanery invite you to a Quiet day at Downe Vicarage Quiet Garden, with meditation and time for praying, reading, walking and relaxing, 10.30am to 3.30pm on **Saturday 20 May**. A packed lunch and a folding chair is required. The cost is £10. To book a place phone 01959 540012 or email Helen.e.musson@gamil.com.

Ripley Recital

Period piano duets by Emma Abbate and Julian Perkins, with a programme including Mozart and Bach, at 8.00pm on **Saturday 20 May**, at Ripley Arts Centre, 24 Sundridge Avenue. Tickets £12 on 8851 9116.

Archdeaconry Prayer Event

in support of world mission, with worship, information stands and prayer stations, 7.30-9.30pm on **Monday 22 May** at Bromley Parish Church.

Prayer seminars

As part of the Archbishops' Pentecost Prayer initiative for the mission of the church, Susanne Carlsson, the Diocesan Spirituality Advisor, is leading three sessions of prayer in different forms.

- Praying with Images, 7.00-8.00pm on **Tuesday 30 May** at Christ Church, Chislehurst.
- Bringing your Concerns into Prayer, 7.00-8.00pm on **Wednesday 31 May** at St Benedict's Centre, St Mary's Abbey, West Malling.
- Praying with the Bible, 11.00am-1.00pm on **Saturday 3 June** at Christ Church, Gravesend.

A Taste of Mindfulness

The Diocesan Spirituality Network is running a taster session on Mindfulness, at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling, 10.30am-3.00pm on **Saturday 3 June**, led by Rev Barry Linney, Vicar of St Stephen's Chatham, who is trained in the techniques of mindfulness as a means of stress-reduction. Book with Susanne Carlsson on 07795 167603.

God's Big Picture

A five session Diocesan Course presenting a bird's eye view of the whole Bible, its key events, main themes and variety of literature types, at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling, on five consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on **8 June**. The cost is £25. See the leaflet at the back of church for details.

Ripley Recital

by Tim Lowe (cello) and Andrew Brownell (piano), with a programme including Beethoven, Sibelius, Fauré and Frank, at 8.00pm on **Saturday 17 June**, at Ripley Arts Centre, 24 Sundridge Avenue. Tickets £12 on 8851 9116.

Women's Retreat Weekend

Take a "Leap of Faith" over the weekend of **30 June – 2 July** at Otford Manor, Sevenoaks, to find time and engage in activities to bring you closer to God and enjoy yourself, including good food and a pool, all for just £110.

Poverty Trap Simulation

Sponsored by the Diocesan Board of Education, this is an event aimed at increasing awareness of the work of the Poverty & Hope Appeal by exploring what it might be to live in a country where poverty and hunger is a way of life. The event will be available on **Wednesday 7 June** at Bore Place Chiddingstone and on **Thursday 8 June** at St Justus Church, Rochester, from 1.30-4.00pm each day. To indicate your interest email Teresa.spearink@rochester.anglican.org.

Bromley Food Bank

The Food Bank would be especially glad of donations of tinned tomatoes, long life fruit juice, long life milk, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, coffee, washing up liquid, shampoo and men's deodorants. There is a box for donations at the back of the church.

Starter Pack donations

There is a box at the back of the church for your donations of basic household items to support those who are coming off the streets or out of temporary accommodation in setting up a place of their own. Or, you can take them to Bromley Parish Church on the first Saturday each month, between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Items required include: bedding, crockery and pots and pans. And most particularly: soap, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, toilet rolls, shaving gear, kitchen utensils, tea towels, and washing up liquid.