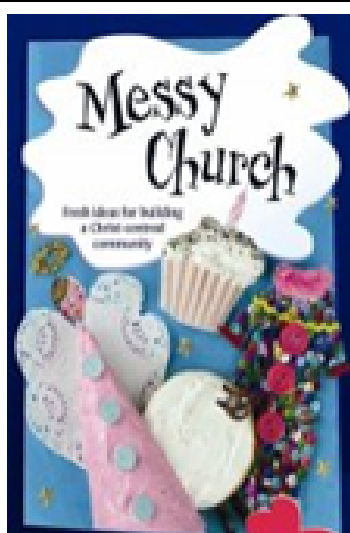


*St Martin-in-Herne
with St Peter's, Greenhill
Autumn Newsletter 2011*



**St Peters
Church
in
Greenhill**

WELCOME

MESSY CRAFT/ CELEBRATION /FOOD!

Following 2 successful Family Fun / Craft afternoons (or messy Church!!) in St Peters Church, Herne Drive, they are set to run every month this term!!

So on

Saturday 1st October, 4pm to 6pm

Sat 11th November and 4pm to 6pm

Sat 10th December, 4pm to 6pm ,

just bring the whole family for fun, crafts celebration and supper.

A big thank you to the team of welcomers, tea, supper and craft makers!

If you would like to help or have questions contact Rev'd Julian.(curate 639895)

Let light enfold me, that my inward eye may see clearly the path that lies ahead. Let my mind be opened up that I may recognise signposts along the way. Grant me the wisdom that comes from understanding the true from the false. And guide my steps so that should I falter or stumble, tripped by former beliefs that blind me still, I may go forward with courage and with determination which persistence brings. Let me be embraced with the love by which the whole creation is moved and all things held together.

From Ruth Bugess A book of Blessings Wild Goose Publications.



Harvest Sunday October 2nd

9.45am St Martin's and 11.15 at St Peter's

The Scouts, beavers, cubs and explorers are devising and leading our Harvest service this year at St Martin's ! Do come and support them in their *Faith in the Community* troupe badge.

As usual we will collect tins, dried stuffs and **harvest produce for the Catching Lives** Homeless Drop In, in Canterbury.

Afterwards we will go to **St Peters** to have a **bring and share Harvest lunch** together.

Do come and join us....

Christ the King,

The diocese will have a service in the Cathedral to celebrate the year of Discipleship on Sunday 20th Nov 5.30pm
All are welcome!

Following on from Confident Discipleship, we will be offering **Deepening Discipleship** An 8 week course starting 2 weeks before Lent. More information for that will come fairly soon.

NEXT IGNATIAN

Interest Group

QUIET DAY

Nov 5th 10.30 to 4pm

INIGO

Rev Roger Hagon

A spiritual journey with Ignatius also using DVD and reflective space.

£16

Franciscan Centre

Giles lane Canterbury
Info Elaine/ back church
370256



If all goes well, the bells should be back in the belfry by mid/late October!! With the 2 new bells kindly donated in memory of loved ones, we will have a peal of 8. Well done to Keith and Susan for organising such a huge project. I gather they have been working on this for over 20 years!! When in, we will have a big celebratory service and dedication!

Disabled Access at St Martin's?

On the advise of Archdeacon Sheila, this "little" task has expanded to embrace a review of all our uses of the entire building at St Martin's aiming for joined up thinking and arriving at a plan that will hopefully fit us for the future!

The DAC has now agreed to work closely with us for a year in order to pursue all our needs and help us see what is possible . We will inform and consult with you all at each stage. This is your church we are interested in what you think!

Let Chris Clifford 711443 know.

catching
LIVES

| catchinglives.org

We have been supporting Canterbury's Homeless drop in (formally Scrine) for a couple of years now. As usual we will be collecting food stuffs at Harvest and then also in advent with warm socks, scarves and gloves etc. This year we intend to increase our support in a really exciting way!!!

See below!

What would you give
to live another **30** years?

life expectancy of
average **UK male**

78

48

life expectancy of average
UK homeless male

2011 WINTER SHELTER The winter shelter this year will provide night shelter in local Canterbury churches during the coldest winter months.

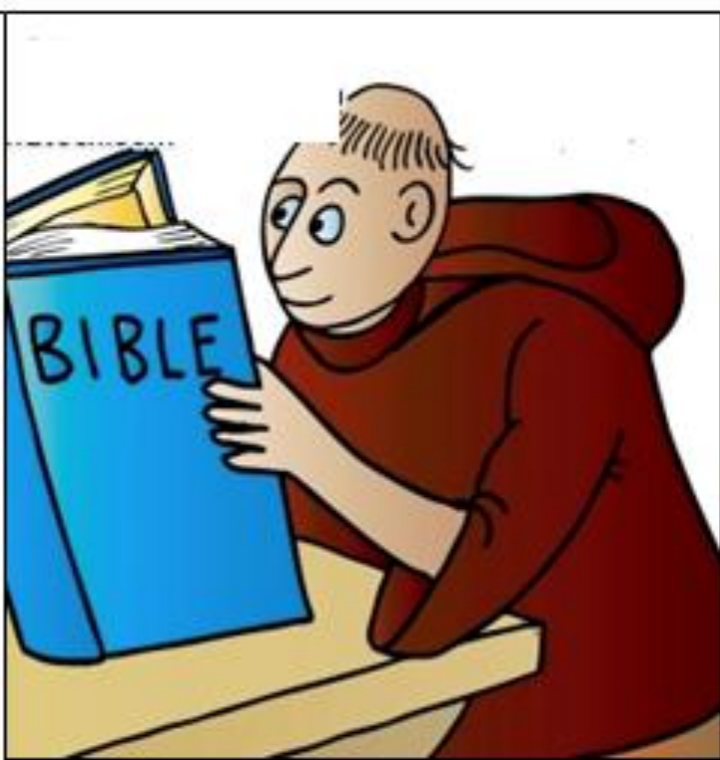
Here at Herne we are planning to support this centre by welcoming those who are homeless for supper once a month, chatting, playing games TV etc before they go on for the night.... Our first date will be **4pm to 8pm** on;

Friday 25th November They have asked to be shown the history and a tour of our church! **Wednesday 21st December** Carols, Christmas dinner, and party! If successful then also **Friday 13th Jan** and **Feb 10th Feb**. They will be brought by centre staff with enough support workers always present, and sometimes we may meet at St Peter's.

So we NEED you to either **welcome and chat** with the group, play board games, watch TV etc, or **help others to provide a scrummy supper!**

Would you like to help vulnerable people at their most vulnerable time?

Let Rev'd Elaine (vicar) know how you would like to help (3470256 or Elaine.longview@virgin.net)

<p>Bible BUZZZZZZZZ</p> <p>The Smugglers every first and third Wednesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm</p> <p>Questions??</p>	 <p>All Welcome!</p>	<p>Bible Buzz</p> <p>Nov 2nd Nov 16th Dec 7th</p> <p>Gentle and relaxed</p>
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<p>Half Term Holiday Club!</p>		
<p><i>All welcome!</i></p> <p><i>Fun + Games + Tuck!</i></p> <p>370256</p>	<p>With Ct Graham Nunn</p> 	<p>If you would like to help in any way. Please ring Elaine on 370256 for details. We need a team</p>
<p>Monday 24th October + Tues 25th October 10 am to 2pm . Institute Hall. Years 1 to 6 (ages 6 to11)</p>		



Bishop Richard has spent 3 months as a volunteer on the Israel / Palestine Border crossings as a voluntary observer.

He is coming to talk to us about his experiences on January 22nd at 6pm in St Martin's.

Pop this in your diary... It is definitely not one not to be missed!!



It may well be a rumour that the Upper Red Lion has been sold or leased to Tesco's for Tesco Express !!

Young people's groups Institute Hall/ Term time.

Schools Out Fridays 4.30pm to 6pm. Year 3,4,5 (aged 8 - 10yrs).

Friday Youth Fridays 6.30pm to 8pm years 6, 7 8 (aged 10 to 13)

Youth Social First Friday 8.30pm to 10pm Yrs 9 (13+) or out + about!

The Core Bible Study 2nd Friday 8.30pm The Vicarage aged 14+

Sunday Youth 9.45am St Martin's Yrs 7 (secondary school ages)

Why not pop in to see what Mel and the young people are up to?

Graveyard

A big thank you to all those (and scouts) who nobly braved the pouring rain to help clear the graveyard.

Eddie and Doug were really pleased to have help to clear the Spring meadow. This was its first year and several types of flowers emerged. The habitat should diversify year on year. Graveyards are potentially immensely rich in habitat due to the grass not having a long history of being dug over, or treated with chemicals.

Our **bat watch** was very successful, when about 20 people were fascinated by using bat detectors to trace the large numbers of Pipistrelle bats as they came out to feed one summer evening. We were informed that there may just be a couple of long eared bats in the Ridley Room!

Peter Giles is currently doing a **Bug Watch** using insect traps and so far he has found some really interesting beetles and some fairly unusual detritus beetles!! More news when the survey is completed.

In the meantime though, THANK YOU to all who regularly garden various areas of our beautiful and precious graveyard!



A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone for giving to the **East Africa Appeal** for Christian Aid.

We ran the appeal longer for people who wanted to join in to do so.

Our final total is £327.16! Brilliant!

Dates for the next few months....

Normal Services

St Martin's

Sundays 8am Holy Communion..order 2
9.45 am Holy Communion + all Children/teen
groups.

but 1st Sunday is All Age Family Service
9.45am

Evening services are usually 6.30pm as per
notices. Refreshments are served after
9.45am service.

*****Wednesday Holy Communion**

10 am first Wed, 9am all other Weds**

Morning and evening prayer 8.15am and
5pm (not Thurs, and Fri am is at St Peter's)
All welcome!!

St Peter's

11am Refreshments
for

11.15, All Age Service
except usually
2nd Sunday when
Holy Communion

**N.B. More info re Christmas
services later in Autumn**

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Curate; Julian Staniforth 01227 639895*

St Martin's Evening services!!

We are continuing to offer you
more variety of services and so
usually the **first Sunday of each
month at 6.30pm** (but not
always!) will see a service not
normally held on Sunday
mornings. These will include
Taize, Holy Communion with
opportunity for prayer for
healing, Evensong or Songs of
Praise (with tea!), contemporary
praise etc.

Do let the clergy know your ideas!

Songs of Praise with Tea

was a wonderful occasion!!

Thank you all who came, sang
and baked yummy cakes!!

October 9th 6.30;

Sung Evensong

November 6th 6.30pm

Taize SERVICE

Dec 4rd 3.30pm

Bereavement Carols

lighting of Christmas tree +
mulled wine and mince pies

Dec 11th 4pm Christingle

Dec 18th 6.30 Carol service

Dec Sat 24th 4pm

Nativity/Crib