



# Keeping Contact

## The Benefice of Faversham

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### Revd. Simon writes

Preparing for my Lenten journey, my mind turns to the super spiritual guides of previous generations, The Desert Fathers and Mothers, St John of the Cross and St Ignatius of Loyola.

Each of these ascetics were deeply connected to God but from our perspective one wonders how much they were connected to their everyday worlds. It seems looking at the lives of the Saints that to be connected to God we must withdraw completely from the world, a seemingly impossible task in the living out of our 'ordinary' lives.

Yet Lent is about preparation, preparation to go on holiday, preparation to go to an interview or move to a new house.

Preparing is a matter of pausing and thinking through several simple steps. We are preparing at Easter to reconnect with God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are looking at our ordinary lives and asking the question where is God connecting with me in the everyday?

I have purposely been contentious in describing our lives as ordinary. Each life lived is far from ordinary. We are human, made in God's image, created to live out our lives in His great creation. This is filled with natural wonder and each new day reveals something new to learn or experience. The challenge we face as unique human beings is whether we want to live in isolation from God or in relationship with him.

A Saint can equally ponder God in his or her cell or out of a kitchen window with arms immersed in hot water washing up the dishes gazing upon the divine creation which is a garden. What is important is our intentions, are we intentionally setting our minds upon rediscovering God in the 'ordinariness' of our daily lives? This Lent how can we find five minutes in the normal routine of our lives to offer prayer or read a bible passage. I have mentioned previously reading Mark's Gospel. You can use the smart phone which seems to have taken over your life to rediscover new life. There are also apps on it to offer prayer if you look 'intentionally' for them.

God through his incarnation became human in Jesus he engaged with 'normal' human beings, his disciples were not the high-flying businesspeople or government leaders of his day but humble everyday people like you and me. God engages in the every day because He is found in the everyday if only we would look for Him. So, this day and every day in Lent be intentional in seeking out God in our daily lives and when we talk / pray to him let us give thanks for the precious everyday that surrounds us, the people, our home, families our routines, passions, and joys. For to him be the glory, power and majesty both in monastic cell or domestic kitchen.

Yours in Christ

Simon.

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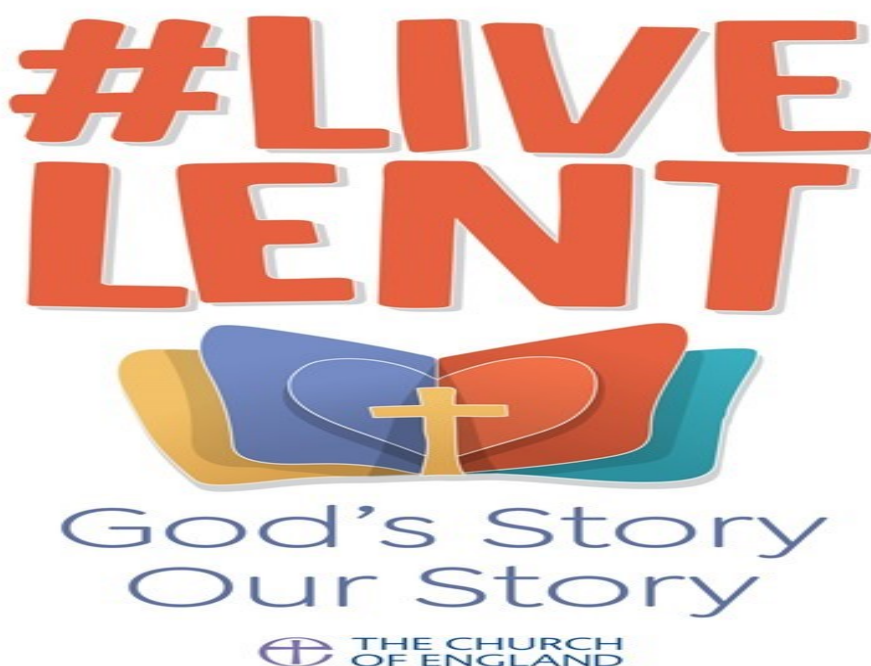
## **Church Service & COVID**

Church Closures re COVID

The Vicar and all four churches Church Wardens met week beginning 18th January to discuss the ongoing closure of our four churches. We anticipate the churches remaining closed for all of February with the hope we can open for Easter.

At the time of going to print we did not have any further information.

Any plans will be guided by the Bishop and reflect whatever changes the Government announces.



For more details of material and downloads etc. go to

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

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## **Get the lowdown on Lent**

The wonderful Primrose Northrop has produced an excellent guide to some of the best Lent resources available this year. In it, she reviews a range of great Lent resources suitable for groups and individuals.

For more details go to the link below to check it out - and to find out more about the resources that are available from the national Church, too.

<https://canterburydiocese.org/lent>

then follow the links

Church Services  
across the  
Benefice.

Churches may  
have different  
booking  
arrangements!

# Weekly services continue, during current lockdown, on YouTube.



YouTube :

Faversham Benefice



Email:

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**Bless you all!**

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SINGALONG SOUNDS on ZOOM is live each  
Thursday at 5.30pm.

See you on ZOOM, invite anyone you think would  
like to join in feel-good parody songs of faith and  
hope!

ZOOM Meeting ID: 688 460 8849

Passcode: Singalong

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## Churches Together in Faversham



Plans are underway for an **alternative** Good Friday Walk of Witness to respect any restrictions that are in place.

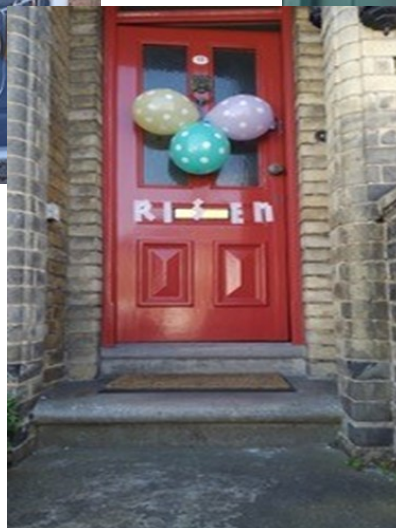
Please watch out for details on the [hopefaversham.org.uk](http://hopefaversham.org.uk) website as well as our Benefice sites.



Look out for our Churches Together in Faversham Easter card which will be delivered with your March edition of The Net.

We are also encouraging all our congregations to decorate their front doors on Easter Day with three balloons with 'Jesus is risen' written on them. Please provide your own balloons. Do join the joy and make a splash together!

There are some ideas of what you can do.



## **Annual Church Meetings (APCM) in the Benefice**

We are obliged by law to hold a meeting of each of the churches in the Benefice.

These normally happen in April. But in 2020 things were rather interrupted by the pandemic. As a result we did not have our APCM until much later in the year.

Hopefully we will get back on schedule for the 2021 season.

This is when our activities are reported on, our finances scrutinised and we are called to account for our stewardship.

At these meetings Parochial Church Council members are elected. Also various officers are elected, appointed or confirmed in their office.

Details will be circulated soon about how we will observe the practicalities of running well ordered elections and meetings.

Also the Church Electoral Roll will be reviewed. If you are new to the Benefice do make sure that you are on the Electoral Roll. It simply requires you to complete a simple form and submit it to your church.

It also means that you can vote in elections and be appointed to the PCC.

Right now is a time for people to reflect on whether they feel called to seek election to the PCC of their home church.

St Peter & St Paul will need a Treasurer and a Secretary. These are important roles in the life and functioning of our churches.

We salute Janet and Debbie who have served us so well and pray for people to come forward to take on these important roles.

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## **Keeping Contact— the show goes on**

Well we are moving into the sunlit, unicorn inhabited grassy uplands of life. Well, if you believe what is coming out of the radio as I prepare the March edition.

We shall see how things proceed. But we should continue to hold in our prayers all those who serve us in so many ways.

- Closing date for copy for the April editions is 0900 Monday March 22nd.
- Articles are welcome. 450 words work very well on a page.
- Send copy as a word

document to the email below. Please, pdf or jpg files. They make editing very difficult.

- We would like reaction and engagement with our reader. Drop the editor an email, he does get lonely.
- Suggestions for getting more subscribers are solicited. It must be amazing value at the price and in colour.
- Do tell your Church Warden if there is anyone who might appreciate the paper or electronic copy.

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**Articles to: [BeneficeofFaversham+Contact@gmail.com](mailto:BeneficeofFaversham+Contact@gmail.com)**

Getting to know you



Each month a member of a different Church will answer 5 questions

A way of getting to know people across the Benefice.

Getting to know you

My name is Richard Shipman. Jane and I worship at St Mary of Charity Church.

**1 How long have you lived in Faversham, have you ever lived anywhere else?**

We moved to Faversham in December 2007 having spent the previous 30 years living in Horncastle in the Lincolnshire Wolds. We taught there for 27 years the last 15 of which I was Deputy Head. For one of those years I was Acting Head, long enough to confirm that I would be a better Deputy than Head.

I was born a Brummie but brought up in Larkfield. We variously lived in Northampton, Guildford and Basingstoke.

**2 How did you come to your faith?**

I was brought up in a Christian family who worshipped at Holy Trinity Church, Larkfield. My sister and I sang in the choir and I was a server. In my early teens I went on a parish holiday for youngsters I recall making a definite commitment then. At Teacher Training College I wasn't the most approved of regular member of the Christian Union largely because I often visited the Union bar after a meeting. I felt it was important not to be too much part of an inward looking holy huddle.

**3 What do you like most about your home church?**

Coming to Faversham we visited each of the four churches in turn. We settled at St Mary of Charity as we loved the wide variety of liturgy and styles of music. My love of Choral worship, that no doubt was fostered as a child by daily worship at Rochester Cathedral, was

pandered to at St Mary of Charity and there was a loo.

As we worshipped there we came to appreciate the love of our fellow worshippers.

**4 What's your favourite hymn or chorus?**

There are so many hymns and music songs that I love. The hymn that mirrors my personal faith journey is 'Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,' its sum up the ups and downs of my relationship with God.

It is impossible to ignore the hymns/ worship songs of people like Stuart Townend and Keith Getty and of these 'How deep the Father's love for us' and 'In Christ alone my hope is found' are two of my favourites.

**5 What is your favourite bit of the Bible and why?**

The opening of St John's Gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.' These words have lived with me from memories of the first midnight eucharist I went to as a young choir boy. The mystery of these words as a boy has over the years become more understandable but still retain the mystery of the creation story and God himself. As a science teacher, for 40 years, the creation has always fascinated me but has never caused me any difficulty as I have never been a fundamentalist. I have never found there is a conflict between science and Christian belief.

Richard Shipman

Pauline Wolf



A treasured  
member  
of  
St Peter  
&  
St Paul's

## Remembering Pauline

Pauline was my dear friend. We had the kind of friendship that teenage girls have, and only people (usually women), who've had a 'bestie' in their teens, will know exactly what I'm talking about! We could laugh and talk about anything, literally anything, and for hours at a time!

Pauline passed away suddenly on the morning of Monday 1st February at her home, in Faversham. She was the proud mum and grandma to three smashing sons and three beautiful granddaughters.

She lived in Selling as a child and was one of four children, three girls and a boy. Her Dad worked on a local farm and Pauline went to Selling Primary School. She would tell the story of when she was about 7 the school photographer visited the school and for whatever reason, he proceeded to photograph all the children up an apple tree! One by one, not all together, but even so health and safety would not allow that today. Pauline would show a black and white photograph to prove it and a couple of years ago we went to the Selling School fete to purposely look for this apple tree. We didn't find it needless to say! It's strange which childhood memories stick with us throughout our lives. She could also vividly remember walking from Selling to St Catherine's Church, Faversham, without fail, whatever the weather, to attend Sunday School, and no moaning was allowed!

Pauline was 67, and she didn't look or act it! (She was convinced the clothing aisle in Sainsbury was manned by gremlins who would catch her as she innocently went in for a loaf of bread and they'd surreptitiously put new jumpers or blouses in her trolley!). We tried numerous 'keep-fit' activities to keep our pending old age at bay.

However, our attempts were somewhat marred by always eating a full English before the Zumba class on a Tuesday morning, and having chips after the Thursday evening 'medium-impact' Pilates class! We told ourselves there was always next week! She loved a joke and a laugh, she loved to travel. Pauline's older sister lived in New Zealand and she visited her a couple of times over the years. She was always nervous before making the flight by herself, and she would spend weeks beforehand discussing the positives about going to see her family and the lovely scenery and places to visit; weighed up against the long flight on her own, being sat next to someone who might be air sick (Pauline had a severe phobia about vomit), getting lost on the stopover etc. On her last trip during the stop en route, Pauline decided to keep an eye on fellow passengers and engrave what they looked like on her memory in order to be able to follow them around the airport lounge and to the correct departure gate for the final part of the journey. Needless to say, somehow the couple she was following weren't from her flight and she nearly followed them through the gate all the way to Japan! She was stopped just in time. Pauline was a member of the Faversham Trefoil Group, and another fellow member had once been her guide leader all those years ago.

She loved her family very much; she loved Ospringe Church where she was a regular and well-loved member of the church family. She was always a willing volunteer to help out with cleaning days, doing teas and running a stall at fairs and festivals. She will be greatly missed and it won't be quite the same without her.

Jane Wells

**“the light shines  
in the darkness  
and the  
darkness did not  
overcome it”.  
(John 1.5)**

### Engage your art and soul!

**“the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it”. (John 1.5)**

How would you present this hope-filled verse in art?

Have a look at the Images of Light and Hope poster [on page 9] and have a go representing this encouraging verse in art using any medium and materials of your choice. A Hobbycraft voucher and Bible (kindly donated by Bible Society) will be awarded to each age category winner chosen from a shortlist by The Mayor of Faversham, and we hope to display an online Exhibition of Light and Hope soon after Easter. Please spread the word and happy creating!

We have heard how this verse in John's Gospel has given people hope over the past months. When we encounter a verse or story in the Bible that particularly speaks to us in our circumstances, it is good to stay with it, chew it over, live it, chat about it, sleep on it and find out everything about it asking why God wants us to be able to read it today.

God's Word was creatively made flesh in Jesus. Being careful that we don't just turn Jesus back into words we can draw on our God-given creativity which enables us to connect profoundly with God and his Word. There are numerous health benefits that come from being creative - increasing wellbeing and reducing stress. Even more so when we engage with the bigger

picture of how God redeems, as he creates endless hoping despite all the hopeless endings we experience around us.

John 1.5 is a powerful verse to reflect upon. It is packed with meaning as John begins his account of the world-changing and life-changing Gospel of Jesus, and how his death and resurrection enables us to live “in the light direction”. You can catch a glimpse of this depth when we see how the verse is translated differently in other versions of the Bible. For instance, the Greek word for “overcome” can also be translated as “seize”, “overtake” or even “understand”. Try replacing “overcome” with these words and picture the verse in your mind's eye. John's choice of words shows emphatically that the darkness is in absolutely no position whatsoever to overcome or understand the light. You might also notice how the tense is slightly different too. You may even like to compare translations on [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) or [stepbible.org](http://stepbible.org) or in any Bibles we may have? Which translation speaks most profoundly to you in your present circumstances?

So what emotions, experiences, Bible stories and thoughts are called to mind as we think about “all things light and beautiful” asking God to engage our art and soul?

Dan

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### Be still and know that I am God – 20th March, 10am

This quiet morning is sponsored by the Pastoral Care Resource Group and will be facilitated by Paul Kelly-Moore, for pastoral carers to seek refreshment for the soul. Register by 15 March.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-lord-a-zoom-quiet-morning-tickets-141953870849>



The Benefice of Faversham  
presents  
The Images of Light and Hope Competition



**Engage your art and soul...**

How would you represent this Bible verse. (John 1.5) In art?

**"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."**  
(You'll find this verse translated slightly differently in other versions of the Bible.)

**Draw on your God-given creativity...**

**It's simple to enter!**

- 1: Have a think about John 1.5
- 2: Base your artwork, using any medium or materials, on this verse.
- 3: Submit your art work by sending a photograph or scan of it to: [imagesoflightandhope@gmail.com](mailto:imagesoflightandhope@gmail.com).  
Please include your name, school/college/year group (if applicable), address (if over 18) and a short description of your artwork.

**Closing date: 23.59 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Every one of every age most welcome to enter!

There will be a first prize awarded to each age-category winner (£25 Hobbycraft voucher).  
There will be a Bible - kindly donated by Bible Society - awarded to each school/community winner.  
We aim to feature entries in an *Exhibition of Light & Hope* and on items to help remember this verse.  
Please contact [imagesoflightandhope@gmail.com](mailto:imagesoflightandhope@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.



**Happy creating!**

The Benefice of Faversham's four Church of England Churches  
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Fairtrade  
Fortnight  
22nd February  
To  
7th March

## Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from 22nd February to 7th March.

Normally this is a couple of weeks when various organisations get together to celebrate the achievements of the Fair Trade movement – and shops which sell Fair Trade goods (including the Oxfam shop in Preston Street) have special offers!

This year, of course, it has to be different, but that doesn't mean we should forget about Fair Trade - on the contrary, with the double blow of the effects of Climate Change, and the Covid pandemic, the livelihoods of farmers in the developing world are even more at risk.

The Fairtrade Foundation says

“Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

“By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade tackles the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the most vulnerable. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.”

For example, one of the Fairtrade Foundation's videos on Youtube tells



us about problems currently facing coffee farmers in Peru - coffee prices are low at the moment and climate change means new diseases are decimating their crops - but with the

Fair Trade guaranteed price, they can keep going and find ways of improving their production.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. Of course the goods are not as cheap as others, but the small extra amount to pay is made to go so far – and together we can make a difference.

So this Fortnight, look again in our local supermarkets to see what Fair Trade products they stock and choose justice not exploitation.

(At Davington, some of us group together to buy from the Christian organisation Traidcraft – with a large order we avoid the delivery fees, and the range of their products is greater than the supermarkets can manage. You can see their products online. If you would like to order something from them while our other local shops are still closed, contact me by emailing [cforeleanor@gmail.com](mailto:cforeleanor@gmail.com) and we could try for a joint order.)

Claire Sullivan

Some book suggestions.

Let us have yours.

### Some book suggestions

**The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay  
**Crucified and Crowned** by William Barclay ( the sequel to The Mind of Jesus)

I have just finished reading "The Mind of Jesus", fascinating. Barclay brings together all four gospels as he looks at Jesus' life, from His experience of His first Passover in the Temple, to the Transfiguration. He describes the historical background to each stage of Jesus' life and ministry. This for me was revealing and really brings the gospels to life. Barclay brings as much psychological insight as possible to what may have been the thoughts of Jesus at the time, and he makes each aspect he deals with relevant to us. He enables us to see what we read in the Bible in a different light. Sometimes

he really challenges what we think we understand.

Chapter titles include:-

The great discovery - Jesus in the Temple at Passover  
Choosing His men  
The miracles of Jesus  
What Jesus said about God  
What Jesus said about Man and Sin  
What Jesus said about himself

I found this book to be a thoroughly good read and went straight on to the sequel!

Next I look forward to reading "The Mind of Saint Paul". Barclay writes simply, clearly and with completely understandable vocabulary.

Iris Neel

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***If you want to get your own copy it will need a search on the internet. Or you could enquire of the retired clergy if they have copies they might lend you. You do have to actually return them though!***

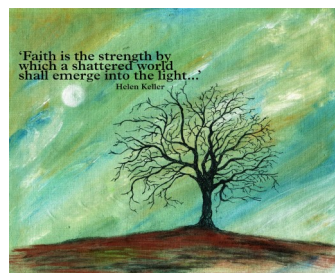
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### Diocesan Calendar of Prayer

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is published every month and features beautiful artwork by Primrose Northrop.

Each day there is the opportunity to pray with and for each other as we seek God's direction and continued blessing on all that we do in his name.

Each Benefice will be invited to contribute their prayer requests, stories and photos to our 'new look' Calendar of Prayer. Through our more deeply connected prayer we can build up our diocesan community of prayer.



Our Prayer Network is coordinated by Lyndall Bywater and our artist-in-residence Primrose Northrop oversees the Calendar of Prayer. T

hey are always happy to hear from you and always welcome feedback. You can complete a simple form by clicking here for your story and prayer requests to be included.

Contact details for more information:

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/calendar-of-prayer/>

## Elsie Tyler—"Nan"

Elsie  
Tyler



Nan, Elsie Tyler, was born on Tuesday the 7th of February 1922 at 94 St Johns Road to George and Rosetta Long.

The youngest of four children she was Baptised in St Mary of Charity church on Ash Wednesday March 1st 1922

On March 5th she was placed on the cradle roll of the Sunday school and recalled that this was equivalent of the Little Fishes group today.

During the second world war Nan joined the National Fire Service working in the control room at Faversham and was on fulltime call during the blitz of Canterbury. During this time she met my Grandad, Christopher, who was also serving in the National Fire Service in both Faversham and London. They married on December 26th 1942 and continued to live at St Johns Road with her Mum.

Then in 1945 Nan had her only son, dad. Now you may wonder why they only had one child. Perhaps it may have something to do with the fact that dad weighed in at just under 13lbs at birth.

After the war Nan worked as a waitress at The Ship Hotel West Street and also the Limes Hotel at the top of Preston Street.

She and grandad joined the Faversham bowls club and spent many years playing outdoor and indoor bowls together. Sadly, Grandad died in 1986.

Nan worked as a volunteer in the Court Street charity shop "Action for Children" later "DebRa". We know she worked there for at least 18 years and was still working there into her 90's.

Nan's 90th birthday was marked by tragedy. She fell in the town centre and fractured her hand. This meant

that having lived in the same house for 90 years that she had to move to Mum and Dads to convalesce.

Whilst at Mum and Dads' Nan, she considered moving to the Almhouses. She had been accepted and offered a flat. When Mum then took her to have a look around on leaving Nan said "It's very nice, but it's not for me. It's for old people".

So Nan moved back to 94 St Johns Road into a newly decorated, carpeted and furnished home. She was so independent. She loved her garden and particularly planting up her many pots each year along with sitting in her deckchair sunbathing.

She also enjoyed her food and had a particularly sweet tooth with her favourite chocolates being Maltesers.

Nan missed many things during lockdown, including walking into town, meeting the family for coffee each Friday, her weekly trips to the hairdressers and of course church.

Nan made the statement in a church magazine interview a number of years ago that she remains stoical and stated that "she knows someone else is looking after her"

And that God was giving her the strength and courage that she needed.

I asked the family to each give me a word or two word to describe Nan. She was resilient, independent, steadfast, invincible, fearless, poised, caring, hardy, graceful, elegant and a tough cookie in charge until the end.

*Martin Tyler*

## Gethsemene



Reflection  
on  
Gethsemene

The moon shed its light with a chill in the air  
Sees Jesus alone in the garden at prayer,  
The Cross lies before him, his sorrows begin  
There's a conflict without and fierce struggles within.

'Father' he cries 'take this cup from me now'  
As droplets of blood can be seen on his brow  
'Yet your will not mine' is his steadfast intent  
For securing salvation was why he was sent.

His disciples meanwhile at some distance remain  
Reluctant to pray and share in his pain  
'Can you not watch with me just for one hour?'  
But sleep overtakes them devoid of all power.

Soon help is at hand as an angel draws near  
To guide and support him, to show the way clear  
Assures Jesus also that his Father does care  
For his Son who's alone in the garden at prayer.

*Struan H Dunn*

And now for something completely different.....

## Easter Folk Customs

Easter starts with Shrovetide. In more religious times, this was the last chance to enjoy yourself before the rigours of Lent. Before it was banned in 1839 by the then newly-formed RSPCA, cock fighting was very popular. Schoolboys and apprentices would often be given a half-day holiday to "enjoy" the spectacle. Another popular pastime was "rough football". Before football became the organised game that we see now, games were played between villages, schools or trades. The pitch could be anything between a few hundred yards long to a couple of miles. There was no limit to the number of players, and there were no rules other than to get ball to some point that formed the goal. A few places still play a form of rough football.

Perhaps the last surviving Shrovetide custom for most of us is eating pancakes on the day. The mid-day bell, which, before the Reformation, called the faithful to be "shriven" was the signal for mother to get the pan on the fire, and for schoolchildren and apprentices to stop work for the day.

Ash Wednesday had a few customs of its own. One now defunct old custom was the Jack-o-Lent. An effigy made up of straw and old clothes was dragged around the town with much noise, and finally burnt. This was intended to represent Judas Iscariot.

Charity has always been a Christian obligation, and one way of observing this was in doles. Some worthy person would bequeath

money to be used to distribute food, drink or just coinage to the poor at Eastertide. One surviving example of this is the Maundy Thursday distribution of specially minted money by our own Monarch to a number of people representing the years of their reign. The custom is thought to represent Christ's example to his disciples of washing their feet, when he instructed them to do likewise. The word "Maundy" is a corruption of the Latin word "mandatum", meaning a sort of standing order. There have been many charitable doles across the country, most of which have died out, but one that survives in Kent is the annual distribution of bread and cheese at Biddenden. Recipients are given a hard biscuit bearing the image of two women. These were Mary and Elizabeth Chulkhurst, born as Siamese twins around the year 1100. They were joined at the shoulder and hip, and when they died at the age of 34, left a field of 20 acres as a legacy to fund the dole.

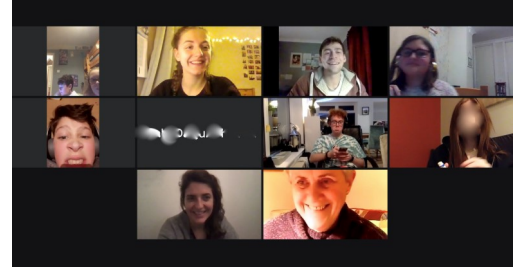
The individual days of Easter each have their own customs. On Good Friday we have hot cross buns. Another was mass skipping, where a long rope was swung by the men and women and children would skip. On Easter day we have, of course, eggs. The emergence of a chick from the egg can be taken by Christians as a symbol of Jesus arising from the tomb.

*Ernie Warner*

## Hope Faversham Youth

Hope  
Faversham Youth

An update.



Please continue to pray for our young people and leaders meeting on Wednesday evenings on Zoom 7-8pm.

For information please contact [hopefavershamyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hopefavershamyouth@gmail.com)

We miss meeting and also eating together, so we are planning this term to look at when Jesus ate with people in Luke's Gospel.

Sarah Williams

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## A prayer

There are many prayer resources on the internet.

The diocese site offers several links.

In his message this month Simon encourages us to seek out an

on-line Bible and prayer resources.

Jesus,  
with us through the wilderness,  
Be with us  
as we wrestle with loss,  
Be with us  
when we lose our footing,  
Be with us  
as relentless days cycle  
round and round,  
Be with us  
as we face uninvited reality  
and uncomfortable truth,  
Be with us  
to reveal something new,  
Show us the water  
flowing right under our feet  
Amen.



## Four Churches - One Town

### Contact details for Benefice Clergy

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**Please contact the Administrator at the Benefice Office for information on Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other services at any of the Benefice Churches.**

- \* FavershamChurches@gmail.com
- \* 0179 553 0553
- \* *During the Covid 19 epidemic the office is not manned, but your emails and calls will be responded to as quickly as possible.*

### Contacts for individual churches in the Benefice of Faversham

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