

LOWER HALSTOW  
**VILLAGE NEWS**

SEPTEMBER 2017



Amanda Lane and Stephen Plumb on their ordination  
to the priesthood at Canterbury Cathedral, Saturday, 1st July.  
With Bishop Trevor Willmott

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**St. MARGARET'S CHURCH**

## SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN AUGUST

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

8.00 a.m. Traditional B.C.P. Spoken Communion

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 a.m. Communion

4.00 p.m. Evensong

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 p.m. Hush

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 a.m. Family Time with refreshments

The service starts at **10.15 a.m.**

There are **morning prayers at St Margaret's Church at 8.15 a.m. every Tuesday morning.** All are welcome to come and join in.

Chris Mayes – churchwarden.

### ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

<u>September:</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ursula Aylward
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Georgina Kindred
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Mouland
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Yvonne Quigley
<u>October:</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ann Smith

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*THERE IS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE BEFORE YOU  
SEND YOUR NEWS. IT HELPS TO SEND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*

*At the time of publishing this newsletter, Pauline Stevens (the editor) is unwell in the Medway hospital, on behalf of the Village I would like to wish her a speedy recovery.*

*Many thanks to Clare Stevens for passing on all the Emails and letters sent to Pauline for inclusion in this newsletter. Tony Russell.*

**VILLAGE DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER** and other dates for your diary.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September** **GAMES AFTERNOON** at the **Memorial Hall, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**  
Games include euchre, scrabble, rummymcub, whist and many card and board games. Cost £1.50 includes a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a very warm welcome.

**Tuesday 5th September** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
in the **MEMORIAL HALL**. Parish Council meetings commence at **7.00 p.m.** for a public open time, followed by the Parish Council business.

**Saturday 9th September** **BREAKFAST CLUB** at **St. Margaret's Church** Having had a break in August Breakfast Club resumes again On Saturday 9th September at **:9.30-11.30 a.m.**

Aimed at Primary School children and following a continental style breakfast we link games and activities to a Bible based theme.

We would love to see some new faces as well as welcoming back our 'regulars'.

So why not come along and give it a try. You could give us your ideas on the sort of activities you would like to be included in future sessions.

For more information please contact:

Liz Hadley (842654), Hilary Gates (841632) or Becky Ridley (841028).

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** **VILLAGE SUMMER FETE** *The Memorial Hall Committee, 12 noon until 4.00 p.m.*

We are holding **competitions for Flower Arranging and Home Grown Vegetables.**

**The classes for Flower Arranging will be:-**

1. Look at me.
2. Dinner for two.
3. I'm in the hedgerows.

**The classes for the Home Grown Vegetables will be:-**

1. Just right.
2. The funniest/oddest shape.
3. One for the pot.

**Exhibitors can arrange their flowers and/or produce from 9.00 a.m. to be completed by 11.00 a.m. Judging will begin at**

**11.15 a.m.** There will be two judges, who will give rosettes to first, second and third in each Class, plus a 'keep' plaque and a returnable trophy for the overall Flower arrangement and a 'keep' plaque and a returnable trophy for the Home Grown Vegetables Competition. Both trophies were donated from our St. Margaret's Church,

and a member of the church will **present the Trophies at 4.00 p.m.**

The Summer Fete will include an array of Craft Stalls, a Coconut Shy, a Tombola, The U.K's Mrs. Galaxy (she will be collecting money for the PDSA and DREAM FLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN). delicious Indian food, home-made cakes, a Puzzle Stall, a Grand Prize Raffle, a Hot Dogs and Burger BBQ, Refreshments and many more fun packed stalls. **The Grand Raffle will be drawn at 4.00 p.m.**

Can't wait, see you there. Kay.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014** **Kent Churches Ride and Stride**  
**10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Time to pump up those tyres! This annual event takes place as always on the second Saturday in September. This is a popular event with hundreds of churches throughout Kent open to welcome walkers and cyclists. The money raised by sponsored participants is divided equally between a

church of your choice and the main Friends of Kent Churches Fund, which is then used in grant form for certain projects in churches county wide.

Sponsor forms are available in the church, open most Sundays or from Liz Mouland ([eamouland@gmail.com](mailto:eamouland@gmail.com); tel: 842272).

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** **The Lower Halstow Gardening Club Visit to RHS Wisley** is now full, which is great. It's great value, so hardly a surprise that we now have a waiting list.

**Thursday 14th September** **Calling all mothers and toddlers!**

If you need a break from the house and the chance to meet up with other parents and toddlers come along to **St. Margaret's Church** any time from **1.00-3.00 p.m.** on Thursday 14th September for the initial meeting.

If there is sufficient interest we are planning to hold regular sessions twice a month, (probably on Thursday afternoons).

The group will be informal with refreshments for parents and children and your ideas and suggestions regarding the format will be very welcome. Child minding grandparents are also invited!

For more information contact: Una Mayes (841425) or Liz Hadley (842654)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** **St Margaret's Youth Group**

After the summer break, we resume our fun monthly meetings in

**St. Margaret's Church** at **5.30 p.m.** This is an informal group for children age 11 years and older. We have just 'chilling time', an art and craft table, and games - plenty of things for you to choose. As always, we start with refreshments and to finish, if you want to, we set you a challenge to complete before the next meeting. This will be the last meeting of the year in the church, the October meeting will be held on October 20th in the Memorial Hall. For more information contact Liz on 07730893747. The St Margaret's Youth Group Team.

**Tuesday 26th September** **Lower Halstow Gardening Club -**

Come along at 7:30 p.m. to hear Paul Harris's entertaining talk on '**Weird and Wonderful Variety Acts.**' Visitors welcome!

An interesting and amusing talk with refreshments for only £1.50.

Raffle costs 50p per strip. We hope you will be able to come along and enjoy an evening with us.

**Thursday 28th September** **St. Margaret's Church**

**9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Macmillan: 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'**

Following last year's magnificent response, (as a village we raised £617.20), we are repeating the event this year and are really hoping that we can match or even better this result!

Just a reminder that Macmillan, which is a registered charity, works alongside the NHS in England, to provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support as well as campaigning for better cancer care and because cancer affects more than just those facing it they are there for friends and family too.

Statistics show that one in three of us will face cancer. The money we raise will help Macmillan make sure that: '**No one has to face it alone.**'

So please, please come along sometime on Thursday 28th September.

We will be so pleased to see you and I'm sure there will be lots of delicious cakes or savouries to choose from!

Should you fancy helping for a while on 28th or would like to donate a Cake/s, please contact:

Liz Hadley (842654), Una Mayes (841425) or Jackie Swift (842749).

To find out more about Macmillan Cancer Support visit the website at [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** **WHIST DRIVE in the Memorial Hall**

**at 7.30 p.m.** Entry £3.00, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

## **REGULAR DATES**

**Ladies Do-It-Yourself Keep Fit** We meet regularly on a Monday evening in the village; for six weeks we will be having a movement and dance teacher for Medau sessions. These are lots of fun, fantastic music and a great way to increase fitness. These sessions will cost £5 per person and places are limited. When we are not having a Medau evening, sessions are £2 and in the summer they are free!

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact  
Liz on 07730893747 / 01795 842272.

## **LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS**

We meet on the first Monday of each month and two Wednesdays in the month. Our meetings are informal and fun and open to all (including people who do not live in the village), whether you are an experienced crafter or a complete beginner. We enjoy learning new crafts and sharing ideas – recently we have experimented with ‘mock’ stained glass, remembrance poppies, decopatching vases etc, flower arranging, chicken scratch embroidery, jewellery, decorating wine bottles and gift bags, card making, creating a garden in a bottle, 10 minute block quilting and tissue pom poms. You can see photos of our achievements on our Facebook page at Lower Halstow Crafters. Please feel welcome to come and join us.

We meet between 1.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. and charge £1 per meeting which goes towards materials. For further details of dates, topics and venues please contact Janet on 842706 or Jo on 841642.

**Every Monday 10.00 a.m.** Free **HEALTH WALKS** starting from the main entrance to The Brick Fields. A brisk walk of up to two hours on mainly flat ground. Sturdy shoes and a rain coat recommended.

**Every two weeks on THURSDAYS THE LIBRARY VAN** calls at **Lower Halstow** outside the Memorial Hall at 12.15 p.m.

Queries to van driver or 03000 413131.

**Every Monday** **SHORT MAT BOWLS 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.**  
in the Memorial Hall

**Every Wednesday** **SHORT MAT BOWLS 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.**  
in the Memorial Hall

**Every first Wednesday of the month** **QUIZ NIGHT** at **The Three Tuns**.

**Every third Wednesday of the Month** **CHARITY BINGO**  
at **The Three Tuns**.

**Not quite a regular date** – Usually every fourth Tuesday of January, February March, April, July, September and October **Gardening Club** meets in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. We have speakers who come to the Hall and give a talk on a variety of topics. These will always be published beforehand in the Newsletter and visitors are always very welcome.

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

**“Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Happy are those who take refuge in him”.** Psalm 34.8

I am writing this at the start of August when many people, especially those with children – or even grandchildren – are likely to be holidaying. I hope, if you have already taken your holiday, that this was a time of refreshment and that you enjoyed whatever you did. I hope that you may have been adventurous. I hope too that whatever you found yourself doing, whether you were holidaying or not, that you had moments that made you smile and caused your heart to sing.

It is these moments that I wanted to consider. The moments when we feel that our lives have been uplifted and our souls refreshed - moments when we feel really alive. These moments feel like blessings and can draw us closer to God.

Sometimes these moments occur when we are out in the fresh air and there will be something in God's glorious creation that makes us pause and look afresh with a sense of awe and wonder.

Sometimes it is in moments of listening - to music - to sounds - to words - to laughter - to silence. There will also be moments when the other senses too bring us comfort or delight. We may be touched so deeply that we find ourselves in tears.

Sometimes we can capture these moments. Sometimes they are profound and ever afterwards remembered and perhaps shared. Sometimes they leave us with a sense of new perspective or new vision. They can bring healing and peace, hope and encouragement.

I think we need to be alert for these moments occurring - especially as I think that these moments occur not just at special times but throughout our ordinary daily lives too. They are a means of God communicating with us. They help us to reflect on our life of faith.

The words from David's psalm invite us to practice being alert so that we may know God's goodness and may know that we can trust him fully with our lives - no matter what may be happening within them. At times of difficulty and distress God invites us to take refuge in him. He will give us all that we need.

I spoke of times of holiday but you may instead be going through a time of trouble. Whatever is happening in your life I hope that you will experience these moments that en-liven and refresh our souls. I pray that you will know God drawing closer to you and drawing you deeper into himself.

Lis Willmet  
Lay Reader

#### **THANK YOU:**

On behalf of a person living in Lower Halstow Village, may I give a

**BIG THANK YOU** to our Parish Council, firstly for arranging the removal of the dumped mattress, and also for asking Shaun Branchett to remove tree branches from some of the tree's in the Gibbs area. We found out that youths were supposedly bringing drugs etc. to this location, as they thought that they were screened by these trees, but after they were removed, there has been no more substance participation, again may we thank you for this forethought, and for making our Village children safe.

From Kay Howard-Challis

#### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all the people who came to my Cream Tea on Sunday 16th July. We were totally surprised at how many turned up. It was wonderful to see so many, especially Ella.

I apologies for the lack of space in my little garden, but we had a very happy afternoon.

Thank you to Joyce, Sandra, Chris and Isobel for all you help.

Thank you  
Ursula

**BBC2's *The Repair Shop*** are seeking damaged family and community heirlooms for their second series and objects that have special significance during Christmas time for their upcoming Christmas special. The series follows a team of passionate and skilled crafts people who restore damaged objects of sentimental value. The experts work side by side in beautiful barn nestled deep in the British countryside as they fix, repair and breathe new life into objects brought in by members of the public. The experts are drawn from different disciplines such as furniture repairers, metal workers, mechanics, ceramicists, clock makers, picture conservationists, and up-cyclers, restorers and fabricators of every ilk. A ragged teddy bear given to a grandparent decades ago, a damaged sleigh that once decorated the town square, a favourite train set a parent would like to pass on to their child Christmas morning, anything of personal sentimental value or importance to a community can be repaired and preserved for generations to come.

The team is especially eager to restore a sleigh that could decorate a town at Christmas time.  
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