

"Some sort of periodical is an essential life-line in a village such as ours"

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### BISHOP'S MOVE - TO THE BENEFICE - TO DURHAM

It was with a sense of shock that I first heard of Bishop Michael's announced move to Durham on the car radio. Six years is a short time in a diocese as a Bishop, but in that time Bishop Michael has, in his own undramatic way, stirred hearts and minds in parishes and deaneries around our Diocese of Rochester. David Jenkins's robust and forthright style will be replaced by a more tactful and measured approach to the things of the spirit.

Before he heads for the North Country Bishop Michael will fulfil his engagement to visit our benefice of Waterringbury, Teston and West Farleigh on Tuesday 3rd May. During a full day we will visit the cricket ball factory, Greenstead and Tutsham Farm and conclude the day by gathering together at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist church, Waterringbury, for an informal meeting with the Bishop. There will be time for questions and open discussion. About 8.30pm we shall share together in the Eucharist at which Bishop Michael will preside. Do make an effort to be present.

This is a great opportunity to meet the Bishop before he takes up his new responsibilities. The enthronement takes place in Durham Cathedral on Saturday, 22nd October.

We thank Bishop Michael for all he has done in this Diocese of Rochester and for the new initiatives he has created in furthering the work of Christ's Kingdom in this part of Kent.

Please pray for Bishop Michael as he prepares for his future Ministry and pray also for those who have the responsibility of selecting his successor.

Yours in faith

Denys

Revd Denys Gower, 0622 812494.

### CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY

#### Attention all young people

On 22nd May at 6pm something very strange and new is happening down at the church.

The Biggest Birthday Party of West Farleigh is being celebrated but we need YOU there.

There'll be a pop band, drama, games, food ... what more can I say?

Get down to the church and enjoy the fun.

For more information contact Alison --- 814445

### THE PLANT SALE

The day, Sunday 15 May, the time, 2pm, the place Tutsham Farm. Plants, produce, cakes, teas, a raffle, children's games, pony rides. Also a spot for garden equipment. If you have any gear surplus to your requirements, bring it along, from plastic pots to lawnmowers. There is sure to be someone who can find a use for it. Bring plants, of course, but also cakes and raffle prizes and, above all, yourselves. Please come and join the party with all your neighbours. £1 to come in. 50p children & OAP

The Teston plant sale will be on Saturday, 7 May 10am - 2pm in the Village Hall. The East Farleigh plant sale Saturday 14 May in the Church Hall.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To the ladies of the Farleighs WI darts team who have won the West Kent District Shield against competition from 120 teams - and this in spite of the team being depleted through illness. West Farleigh members of the team were Anne Aycars (Capt), Helen Swan, Anne McNaughton and Dorothy Reed. The team now go on to play East Kent in the Kent finals.

### Ton-Up Club

March	£10	J Botton
	£5	K Eastwood
	£5	Fred Baker
April	£10	Tom Underdown
	£5	J Botton
	£5	Shirley Day

MOLLIE UNDERDOWN, deeply incensed by the shortcomings in our postal service lately, has been moved to verse, thus:-

Has the Postman lost his way?  
He hasn't arrived on time today.  
He's never been so late before  
And I've been waiting at the door.  
Letters, cards and parcels too,  
Gossip, chat and "How d'you do".  
North to South and East to West,  
Our Postmen are the very best.  
We are cut off in this small place.  
We have no phone-box, just in case.  
No Post Office for our stamps,  
We have to take a long, long tramp.  
And when it's wet it is a chore  
Getting to the next village store.  
The Postman must have lost his way,  
He still has not arrived today.

NEW FCC MEMBERS

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 12 April, four new members were elected to the FCC. They are Hugh Evans, Val Barnwell, Margaret Logan and Kirsty Meredith. Welcome one & all.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Two games apiece this month and so ends another interesting and eventful season.

Farleigh 1st XI played Blue Eagles winning 3 - 2 but came unstuck against Staplehurst, losing 5 - 0 in our last game.

Our 2nd XI had to play Union Flag twice and came out on top both games, winning easily 5 - 0 and the next 3 - 1

To sum up, both teams could finish 4th - at the worst 5th - and a very creditable effort by everybody concerned. Many thanks to our small but very loyal band of supporters throughout the season. It was much appreciated.

Germany next, in June, and some of us are already hard at training, up to three or four nights a week in the pub.

Providing we survive - see you next season.

Cheers, Tel

EVERGREENS On 10th May we go to the Good Intent!

House Groups

There are two groups. The established one is called "SEEKERS" to signify that we are seeking the truth about God.

The newer group is called "STEPPING STONES" to signify that we have only recently set out on the same road.

The two groups will complement each other and all are welcome at either group. Meetings are as follows:-

STEPPING STONES Tuesday 10 May 8pm at Glenside 288 Old Road, Wateringbury. "Only a prayer away". Guest speaker Sue Blade.

Tuesday 24 May 8pm at Appledore Charlton Lane, West Farleigh. Gospel of Mark. Help contemplate the life of Jesus and its relevance for us all today.

Contact Helen Swan, 814445 or Jan Faggetter 812842.

SEEKERS Thursday 19 May 8pm at Eagle Lodge Mill Lane. "Whitsun" Acts 2 vs 1-11. Does it mean anything today?

Thursday 2 June 8pm same address. Acts 2 vs 37-end. Can we regain the excitement of the new church?

Contact Sue Blade, 812581 or Alastair Byron, 812023.

Mollie Underdown wants a filing cabinet. If you've got one she can have, give her a ring on 813000.

DON'T FORGET Come & meet the Bishop Tuesday 3 May 7.30 Wateringbury church. Also the plant sale Sunday 15th, Tutsham.

SERVICES FOR MAY  
IN ALL THREE CHURCHES

West Farleigh

May 1 0800 BCP HC  
0930 JJJ  
8 1115 Family see. On cricket field if fine  
15 0930 ASB HC  
22 0930 JJJ  
1115 BCP MP  
1800 Youth Praise  
24 0930 ASB HC  
29 1830 BCP EP

Taston

May 1 0945 Family see  
1830 BCP EP  
8 0800 BCP HC  
0945 Children's ch  
1830 BCP EP  
15 0945 Children's ch  
1830 ASB HC  
17 0930 ASB HC  
22 0800 BCP HC  
0945 Children's ch  
1830 BCP EP  
29 0945 Children's ch  
1830 Songs of praise

Wateringbury

May 1 0930 BCP MP  
8 0930 Open air see Manor Farm, Old Rd  
10 0930 ASB HC  
12 2000 BCP HC  
15 0800 BCP HC  
1115 Family see  
22 0930 ASB HC  
1830 BCP EP  
29 0930 BCP HC  
31 0930 ASB HC

BCP = Book of Common Prayer  
ASB = Alternative Service Bk  
HC = Holy Communion  
MP = Morning Prayer (Matins)  
EP = Evening prayer (Ev'song)  
JJJ = Children's Church Club

Sat. 14 May. Benefice Quiet Day 10am - 4pm Stacklands, West Kingsdown.

Monday 9 May 8pm Service of prayer for healing in West Farleigh church. Gentle worship.

Morning Prayer 0830 Tue - Fri  
W. Farleigh 3 - 6 May  
Wateringbury 10 - 13 May  
Taston 17 - 20 May  
W. Farleigh 24 - 27 May.

FRIEST'S DAY OFF now switched from Friday to Monday. IN EMERGENCY refer to Churchwar's or Lay Readers.

Collection for RNIB. Mrs Burkart reports a total of