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"How to make your Christingle" and

(Zoom) All Saints Church

### What's on in Woodchurch in December

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

### Please note that some published events may be affected or cancelled as a result of government restrictions

Weekly events:		Christingle Services (online) All
Mondays:		Saints Church
Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 3:30pm at the Pop-In	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day (WinBloom)
Body Tone 6:30pm - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall	Set doth outside didferen	Village
Tuesdays:	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm - 4:45pm	Football Woodchurch Reserves v Len Valley on the Village Green
Puzzle Club 2:00pm - 3:30pm at the Pop-In	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Advent Eucharist (Zoom) at All Saints
Wednesdays:	501115 9.00am	Church
Pop-In Over 60s 2:00pm - 4:00pm At the Pop-In Centre	11:00am	Advent Eucharist Outdoor nativity
Fish and Chips 4:30pm - 7:00pm in the Village Car Park		stable at All Saints Church
Body Tone6:30pm - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Morning Prayer (Zoom) All Saints
Thursdays:		Church
Pizza Van4:30pm - 7:00pm in the Village Car Park	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Morning Prayer (Zoom) All Saints
Body Tone6:30pm - 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall		Church
Saturdays:	9:00pm	Listening to God in Advent - part 3
Boot Camp 9:00pm - 10:00am on the Village Green		(Zoom) All Saints Church
Bonny Cockle 10:00am - 5:00pm at the Bonny Cravat	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 11:00am	2nd Sunday before Advent at All Saints Church Woodchurch
Other Events:	Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Woodchurch Parish Council meeting
Tue 1st9:00amMorning Prayer (Zoom) at All Saints	110 17 7.00pm - 9.00pm	(via Zoom)
Church	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 2:15pm - 4:15pm	<b>Football</b> Woodchurch v Smarden on
7:00pm Listening to God in Advent - part 1		the Village Green
(Zoom) All Saints Church Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Church nativity (online) All	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am	Advent Morning Worship (Zoom) All
Saints Church		Saints Church
6:00pm B <b>CP Evensong (zoom)</b> All Saints	11:00am	Morning Worship All Saints Church
Church	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:00am	Morning Prayer (Zoom) at All Saints
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm - 4:45pm <b>Football</b> Woodchurch FC v		Church
Woodchurch Reserves on the Village	7:00pm	Shortest Day Torches (WinBloom)
Green	Thu 24th 5-00mm	Village
4:30pm Christmas Tree switch on on the	Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm	Family Service (Zoom) All Saints Church
Village Green	11:30pm - 00:30am	Midnight Mass at All Saints
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) All Saints		Church
Church	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Service (Zoom) All Saints
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) All Saints Church		Church
3:00pm Christmas activity and Christingle	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	Eucharist (Zoom) All Saints
bags at All Saints Church		Church

The HUB will remain open "virtually" during December. The HUB building will remain physically closed until the New Year (or as advised by the government). If you are in need of support during the lockdown, or need access to facilities offered by The HUB (e.g. printing, photocopying or laminating) then please phone 01233 861381 or email enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk.

> Any items for the newsletter- please contact the Woodchurch Hub Tel: 01233 861381 Email: enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

### **News From The Parish Council**

We have co-opted three new councillors this month and wish to welcome Ciaran Molloy, Nicola Job and Eleanor Jones on board. They attended the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November so this means we have a full complement of councillors once again.

We are also delighted that the work on the Green play area has been completed. This was refurbished through the Parish Council budget and a grant from KCC, and it is great to see the play area looking fresh and new again. Thanks for everybody's patience while this has been ongoing- the weather had posed some challenges to the schedule.

The Parish Council has completed its survey of the village views on the proposed Gladman development on Front Road. Thanks to everyone who took the time to offer feedback, your views are really valued and the more feedback we have the more we are able to represent the wishes of the community. As the Parish Council receives more information we will share this with the village and gather further feedback. It is important to remember that there has been no formal planning proposal submitted to Ashford Borough Council at this time. Should you wish to feedback further views regarding this then you are always welcome to do so. The feedback form is still available on the community Web site www.woodchurchhub.uk/front-roadproposed-development or you can post your feedback at The HUB.

The Parish Council are also concerned about an increase in parking problems with vehicles being left mounted up on curbs and also unauthorised parking on parts of the Green - we are aware in some areas of the village parking on the road can cause an issue, but please remember to be considerate to others. Wheelchair users and buggies will not be able to pass cars which are blocking half the pavement, and the Green should not be parked on without permission. This is particularly a problem at this time of year as it will damage the grass and erode the edge of the Green.

2020 has been a financially challenging year, and the Parish Council is likely to see its budget reduce by approximately 10% for the forthcoming year. This is due to the possible withdrawal by Ashford Borough Council of two discretionary grants, the Concurrent Functions Grant and Council Tax Support Grant. The Parish Council has decided not to increase the precept charge but to make good the shortfall in funding. Councillors felt it would be fairer to meet any shortfall from the reserves and or savings made in this round of budget setting. This will prevent any increase being passed onto the community.

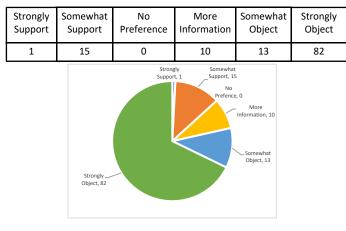
With Christmas fast approaching, our final news is that there will be a large Christmas Tree on the Green, organised by the Woodchurch in Bloom team and funded by the Parish Council and the generosity of local businesses. We are now running a campaign to fund the lights to go on this tree. Lights of this size and number are costly, but they will be substantial and fit for purpose and will light the Green at this special time of year for years to come. This is an investment in the Village which all will benefit from and if you are able to support this campaign or share details of any organisations that might help then please get in touch. We would like to thank Woodchurch in Bloom for their support of this project so far and indeed their work for the Woodchurch Winter Wonderland Walk.

If you would like to contact the Woodchurch Parish Council, please email clerk@woodchurch-pc.gov.uk

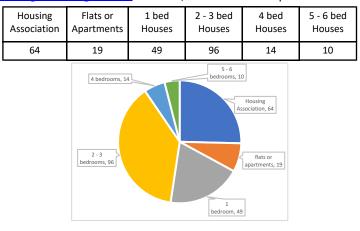
### Front Road Development - Resident's Feedback

The feedback forms were delivered to over **800 homes** in the Woodchurch area, through the monthly HUB Newsletter. From this **a** total of **122 feedback forms were returned** by the deadline.

The first question was to gage <u>residents' views</u> about the concept that has been put forward by Gladman.



Residents were also asked to give their opinion on the <u>types of</u> <u>housing the village needs</u> - for this, or future developments.



To enable <u>residents to share the specific points</u> in their own words, they were asked to give feedback as free text comments. When analysing these comments, it was possible to group the points into discrete common themes. Please note that these are opinions and more work will need to be done to confirm their accuracy. The number in brackets is the number of times this point was raised.

- (42) It would erode the village atmosphere and increase urbanisation
- (32) It would create too much additional traffic
- (27) This is too large a development for this site.
- (24) More housing is required for younger generation families in the village that is affordable
- (21) This is too large a development for the village.
- (19) Building should not be permitted on agricultural land
- (17) There would be dangerous access from the development onto Front Road
- (17) Sewage and drainage there is insufficient capacity
- (14) It would increase the traffic Congestion/danger on the Front Road bend
- (13) There is insufficient "local infrastructure" general
- (12) There is already sufficient executive style housing in the village
- (12) Doctors surgery There is insufficient capacity
- (10) This development falls outside of the Ashford Local Plan
- (10) There are already very many new houses being built at Chilmington Green, which
- is very close. Ashford is encroaching upon the villages. (10) There is distrust of the developers
- (8) School there is insufficient capacity
- (8) It could benefit and increase the number of local businesses and shops
- (6) No reason given
- (6) Additional housing in the village is unnecessary
- (6) It would affect the local environment and local wildlife
- (4) School The school needs more pupils and so would benefit
- (4) There is insufficient information so far
- (4) Infill development sites are available elsewhere
- (4) This would set a precedent for future developments

### Benefice of Bethersden, High Halden and Woodchurch December News

Dear Friends,

Advent is almost upon us, in this difficult year. We hope and pray that everyone is keeping well and coping OK with the latest period of isolation.

One of our biggest challenges has been to plan services and activities which enable us to engage with our village communities at this special time, but knowing that we can't use our church buildings in the way that we normally do. We are extremely grateful that so many people have come together to offer a wide range of things to take part in or watch or visit. Online, we will have an Open Church nativity service; a video showing how to make a



Christingle and a Christingle service (which will be used by our schools as well as being available to families at home); a Bereavement Service including the reading of the names of family members who have died, and a tree in church where you can add the name of anyone you miss at this time; several live-streamed and recorded services of Eucharist and a BCP Evensong; and "Listening to God" interactive sessions led by Reverend Mike. We have also organised activity packs for children involving Christmas arts and crafts, a Christingle pack to do at home (for children at other schools), and a floodlit nativity scene at All Saints.

We would also like to recommend Advent Online, which is a new resource put together by some of the clergy I studied with <a href="https://adventonline.faith/advent-calendar">https://adventonline.faith/advent-calendar</a> - there is a lovely mix of scripture, reflections, images and music for each day of advent. A great resource to dip into when you have time.

Advent is a time when we reflect on the coming of Christ. The light of Christ coming into the darkness of our world. This year, it is more important than ever that we look for the light and hold on to the hope of all that is to come. Perhaps the light for us will come with the winter sun on a fine day, the chance to walk out and appreciate the beauty of our surroundings. Perhaps the light of the moon and stars on a cold dark night. Perhaps the light comes to us through others - those who help and support us at home, in shops and local businesses. Perhaps the light for you is in the eyes of someone you love. Wherever you find the light of Christ this Advent, share it with others. If you can't meet, then on the phone or in a note or letter. If you have something to share, and nobody to share it with, then tell me. We are the light of Christ.

It is hard to be apart from family again at this time, and more difficult in this season than back in the Spring, when it was easier to spend time outside. However, we have both enjoyed settling into our new home and our ministry here in Woodchurch, Bethersden, and High Halden. We hope that you are all able to enjoy Christmas as best you can this year, and we will all be looking forward to better times in 2021.

With every blessing from us both for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and a Healthy and Joyful New Year.

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	Advent	
Tuesday 1st December	Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom Listening to God in Advent - Part 1 7pm Reverend Mike Rose via Zoom - Contact Mike to book	
2nd Sunday of Advent 6th December	Pre-recorded Open Church nativity via Youtube, website and Facebook BCP Evensong 6pm - via Zoom	
Monday 7th December	Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom	
Tuesday 8th December	Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom Christmas activity bags and Christingle bags for children available from our church porches after school for collection Listening to God in Advent - Part 2 7pm Reverend Mike Rose via Zoom	
Wednesday 9th Decembe	er <b>Pre-recorded "How to make your Christingle" and</b> Christingle Services for viewing at school or at home via Youtube, website and Facebook	
3rd Sunday of Advent 13tl December	h Advent Eucharist on Zoom 9.30am for those unable to come to church	

All Saints Woodchurch 11am Advent Eucharist Outdoor nativity stable at All Saints Woodchurch (joint activity with the school)

### Monday 14th December Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom Tuesday 15th December Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom Listening to God in Advent - Part 3 7pm Reverend Mike Rose via Zoom Sunday 20thDecember 10am Advent Morning Worship on Zoom for those unable to come to church All Saints Woodchurch 11am Morning Worship Monday 21st December Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom Tuesday 22nd December Morning Prayer 9am via Zoom Thursday 24th December Family Service on Zoom 5pm Midnight Mass 11.30pm All Saints Woodchurch Friday 25th December Pre-recorded Zoom Service for those unable to come to church Sunday 27th December Eucharist 9.30am on Zoom Advent Foodbank Appeal Please continue to support All Saints,

Woodchurch with donations of produce for the local community; their foodbank operates from the church porch at All Saints.

### Advent Diary

### Museum 150+ November Lottery Draw

Support your local museum- you could win a £50/£30/£20 prize every month.



An annual ticket costs £12 in September. Now selling for £10 for 10 months. For more information please contact Joyce Nash via The HUB - enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or 01233 861381

1st prize	£50	Philip Reeves 32
2nd prize	£30	Tracey Ramsden 693
3rd prize	£20	Peter Spice 717

### Woodchurch Community Calendar

As we move into a brighter new year, we are anticipating that village events will begin to return to a normality. As restrictions ease and your club/society becomes more active, please let us know so that you will be included in the Community Calendar. The Community Calendar directly feeds into the Newsletter calendar and so it is important that you help us to keep it up to date. Please send event details, and updates, to enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk. The full Community Calendar can be found at www.woodchurchhub.uk/community-calendar.



### Photocopying and Laminating at The HUB We can now scan, print, copy and laminate A3 pages and can print booklets.

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A4 b/w - 10p, A4 colour - 15p A3 b/w - 15p, A4 colour - 20p



### We want you!

The Big Thin Red appeared in the village 2018. The group has evolved and developed through the planned modal and is now planning to evolve into its final stage. The group was raised to be an active part of village life and throughout our short time we have planned and executed events on behalf of the village, assisted other groups and provided money to support groups and charities.

We firstly thank our large group of supporters without you the events would not be successful, we still require your support and input and hope some of you will want to do more. Our aim now is to shift and develop into an active open social lodge. We want to grow stronger in the community and to continue with planned calendar events for the village and internal lodge members with entertainment events/fundraisers. In order to do this, we need to rebuild the committee, we require dynamic thinking and dedicated people to take on several roles. Although this sounds like it will take up a lot of your time, we would encourage those interested to have a chat with us. In general most events have been run by a small team with minimums effort and I think most would say they have been a great success!

If you want to know more about the lodge plans and/or becoming an active committee member please contact Pat Byrne 07584075008, help us to help you.

The Big Thin Red line is an open group formed with no political agenda our aims are:

- Maintain key public and military connections with the village through events.
- \* Bring together the village as a community and forge and maintain the spirit of virtuous honest acts.
- The chance to bring organisations and events together with a presence of the big thin red line for a one aim cause the village.
- Support organisations, businesses with internal revenue spend in village.

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### Woodchurch Surgery December update

As I write, it's late November and as we near the end of 2020 it's perhaps timely to have a period of reflection and consider where we are, what has been achieved in 2020 and our aspirations for 2021.

Covid-19 has impacted us all significantly in our home and work lives. At the surgery, we have had to change our standard working practices in line with Government guidance towards more virtual consultations by phone or video and less in the traditional face to face manner. We have had to restrict the numbers of people into our waiting rooms and distance ourselves from our patients in ways we would never have dreamed of in the past. Part of that process led to the introduction of these newsletters in an endeavour to maintain communication between the surgery and our PPG members. We have now expanded the newsletter concept to monthly and they will be included within the HUB newsletter. Hopefully this will enable us to reach many more of the local community.

Right now, we are in a second lockdown and we await the Government's decision on what comes next for us personally and professionally. We continue on with the seasonal flu campaign targeting the traditional cohorts as well as the new over-50s group. If you've not yet had yours please book in with reception. We have also started planning as a Primary Care Network (PCN) how we will begin to deliver the Covid-19 vaccine once it has passed through the final testing and licensing procedures. As I'm sure you will have seen in the media, there will be strict guidance on how and to whom it can be delivered. When we know more, we'll share this with you.

Looking forward to 2021, we expect to continue to be very busy(!) contributing to delivering the Covid-19 vaccine. Hopefully, immunisation will ultimately mean fewer restrictions on all our daily lives. As a surgery, we continue to look forward and consider how we can



improve the services we provide for patients as well as encouraging good



mental and physical well-being with targeted messages about screening etc. As you may have seen in Dr Hickey's November message, the surgery supported awareness of the 'Mo'vember men's health campaign.

We had a day of staff wearing stick-on moustaches on their masks although Jack went one better and grew his own. Check out what he kept hidden under his mask! It's small things such as this which have helped us maintain staff morale and well-being during these challenging times and we're looking forward to Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save The Children.

We don't yet know how the Government will allow us to celebrate Christmas, but all the staff at Woodchurch Surgery would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas.

Best wishes Helen Fox Practice Manager, Woodchurch Surgery



I would like to introduce myself to you - I am the Census Engagement Manager for South East Kent which covers both Ashford Borough Council and Folkestone and Hythe District Council. My role is to ensure that as many residents within the combined area complete the Census which is due on March 21st 2021. This will involve focussing particularly on the groups within the community that may have more of a challenge to complete the Census. For example, ethnic and European minorities with language barriers, some of the elderly population who may have challenges in completing, and many other smaller groups.

At the moment, I am raising awareness of the Census and building key contacts that can support in accessing these more challenging groups within the community. I have already set up a Census support group with Ashford Borough Council and as we move towards the Census, I will be looking to do as many events to help with awareness and understanding of the Census - how these work will obviously be dependent on Covid restrictions. I have A4 posters that can be displayed that promote the Census, and I can also do a short introduction to the Census that could be used on newsletters and websites.

If you think there is any way that you might be able to support I would be really keen to hear from you. Or if you would just like to discuss anything Census-related, then please either send me an email or call me.

Leigh Poppy | Census Engagement Manager South East Kent Office for National Statistics | +44 (0) 7452 942516 leigh.poppy15@field.census.gov.uk

More information about the 2021 Census can be found on the Government Web site census.gov.uk



### **Surgery Opening Hours**

Monday8.30am to 5.00pmThursdayTuesday9.00am to 6.00pmFridayWednesday9.00am to 5.00pmSaturday at

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Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday closed



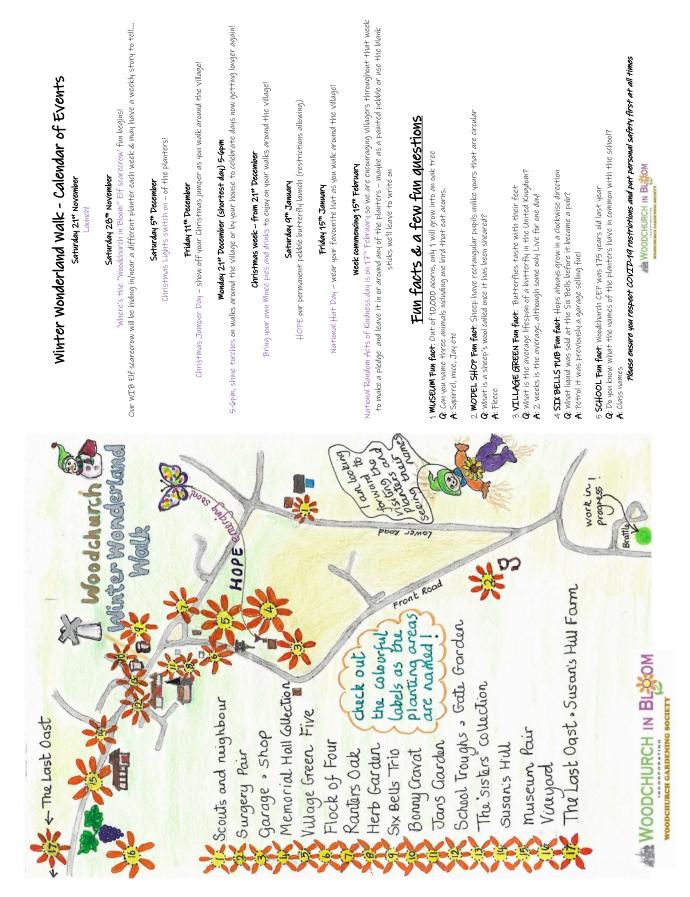
Tel: 01233 733848 Email: hamstreetdentalclinic@gmail.con



#### Christmas tree on the Green -

We're delighted to confirm that Woodchurch in Bloom are organising a Christmas Tree on the Green this year, with support from the Parish Council and Quinns Farm Services. The lights will be switched on next Saturday 5th December at 4.30pm, as part of our Winter Wonderland Walk Planter lights switch on! We invite you all to write your hopes & wishes for 2021 on a dedecoration to hang on the tree!

**Woodchurch Winter Wonderland Walk** - Please see our attached fun map, calendar of events and children's quiz, all for your enjoyment as you walk around the Village. Winnie, our Woodchurch in Bloom Elf will be hiding in a different planter each week with her story of the week - can you find her on your daily walks?





### **Items For Future Newsletters**

The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform the residents of Woodchurch what is going on in our village. From January we will be re-launching the **Newsletter** as The **Woodchurch Parish Newsletter** and we are keen to share as much of what is happening as we can. If there is something that you would like to include in future editions then please send them to us at The HUB enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

- \* forthcoming events
- \* announcements
- \* memorials
- \* adverts
- \* club/society reports
- \* interesting facts
- \* photos
- \* etc. etc. etc.

### Woodchurch Christmas Tree Lights Appeal

Woodchurch Parish Council think it is important to help maintain the moral of the village over the Christmas period. Through Parish Council funding, generous donations from local companies and the coordination of WinBloom, the 18 foot Christmas tree for the village green has already been funded. We are now looking for help to fund the lights to go on it. Such a substantial tree requires a lot of lights and we are looking to purchase Festoon lights of industrial quality that will be an investment for the village for the future. If you are able to help us raise the £1,000 we need to help cover the cost of the lights you would be helping brighten up the spirits of the village for years to come.

We welcome all donations, large or small. The easiest way to donate is to visit the Woodchurch HUB Web site and click on the Donate button neat the top of the page. Donations can also be made directly at the HUB, or for more information on ways to donate email enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk or phone 01233 861381.

### Vintage Village Christmas Cards For Sale from Woodchurch Museum

Pack of 6 (2 of each card) - £2.00 Pack of 10 cards (all the same) - £3.00

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