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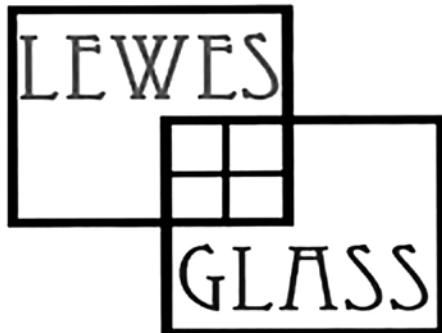
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

I write this the morning after our wonderful weekend of Christmas Celebrations. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this a spectacular couple of days! It was amazing to see the church with all the Christmas Trees and Nativities in there – I hope for more this year. As you read this, our Christmas Celebration weekend might seem a long time ago, and even Christmas Day will be behind you. 2026 has started and we set off into another New Year.

There is a quote made famous by that wonderful philosopher Kung Fu Panda. It says; “The past is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift. That’s why they call it the present.” For me this is the true wonder of Christmas. It is the gift of God with us here and now, not simply the time we remember in a stable in Bethlehem but also now, in the midst of ordinary, everyday life. God is with us and we can know his presence in our present, we can know his love and we can share that love with others. We can live better lives, focussed on today and all that is good within today. To reflect and learn from the past is important. To prepare for the future and care about the state of the planet for tomorrow is vital. We must not, however, neglect the wonderful gift that is right now. The beautiful part of the world we live in, the people around us that care for us, love us and make us laugh. All that is good in the world to be celebrated and all that needs to change that we can work together to alter. As we welcome 2026 together, let us not let time rush by without acknowledging and celebrating each day; for we know that all too soon the calendar will turn and our church will once again be festooned in even more trees as Christmas rolls around again.

With every blessing, Revd. David

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY

10am
6.30pm

EPIPHANY

FirstSunday@10 Service
Eucharist for Epiphany in the Chancel

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

10am

EPIPHANY 1

Eucharist for Epiphany

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

10am
6.30pm

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Eucharist for Epiphany

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

10am

EPIPHANY 3

Eucharist for Epiphany with Ministry of Prayer

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

10am
6.30pm

EPIPHANY 4

FirstSunday@10 Service (Candlemas)
Celtic Eucharist in the Chancel

A Eucharist Service will be said every Thursday at 10am in the Lady Chapel

ST MARY'S NEWS & EVENTS

Check ringmerchurch.org.uk/ for more details on everything at St Mary's.

FIRST SUNDAY@10 SERVICE

This month's service on Sunday 4 January at 10am will be celebrating Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to see Jesus. We do look forward to seeing you. Then at 6.30pm we have a Eucharist to which you are also very welcome.

PRAYER VIGIL

On Tuesday 13 January, prayers will be said for the many needs of the world, the country and our village and church in the Lady Chapel at 9am. This is an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud. You are welcome to join us.

At our 10am Sunday services each week we pray for the people living in certain areas in our parish: Wellingham on 4 January, Potters Field on 11 January, Danforth Way and Northill Close on 18 January and The Orchards, Uckfield Road on 25 January.

HOLY COMMUNION IN CARE HOMES

Holy Communion is said in each of the Care Homes in Ringmer during the month – Parris Lawn on 6 January, Holm Lodge on 27 January both at 11am, and Lime Tree House on 1 and 29 January at 11.30am.



FILM EVENING WITH THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

The Friends are having a Film Evening on Saturday 17 January in church. We are starting with tea in the Church Room at 4pm and will show the film *Mrs Harris goes to Paris* after that in church, so the evening should finish about 6.30pm. Admission is free but all donations are gratefully received. Number will be limited so

please go to [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search "Friends of St Mary's Film Night" to book a spot. If you have any queries, please contact Shirley on 01273 752354.



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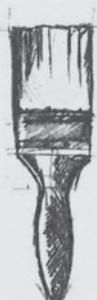
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ST MARY'S TODDLERS

St Mary's Toddlers continues in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm. We look forward to welcoming parents / carers with pre-school children for a morning of play, finishing with singing a couple of songs. Teas and coffees are always available. We are open

during the school holiday so you are welcome to bring along slightly older siblings.



Shirley Squires says: "We had good fun at our meeting in November when we made decorations for our Christmas Tree at St Mary's Festival. Our thanks to Ruth and Rosie for organising this. This month,

our meeting is on Tuesday 13 January, and will start with a tea for members in the Church Room at 6pm, followed by our meeting proper with a Eucharist at 7.30pm. After that we will have our short Annual Meeting followed by coffee and chat. We hope to see most of our members there. Rosie has arranged an interesting programme for the year and copies of this will be available at the meeting.

TREE OF LOVE FOR ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE

Martine Bailey says: "This year, we remembered 180

people who have been dearly loved. Their names were read during the service, and their labels attached to the tree inside the church. Tea and biscuits followed, with a chance of chatting with Lisa, a volunteer in the hospice.

A total of £2080 were raised, and of course gift aid will be added. Thank you to all who delivered the leaflets with the Parish News, to the library and shops, to the readers and the tea pourer, and to all who generously gave. A splendid effort all round."



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ST MARY'S ECO TIP – ENERGY PRICES



It can seem very confusing that, as more energy than ever is produced from reusable solar and wind power in the UK and less and less from UK North Sea oil and gas supplies, that electricity prices are much higher than gas.

In the UK, the electricity pricing system is coupled with the price of gas for electricity produced by the gas power station industry. They are run for profit and directly affected by the fluctuations of the world gas market, vulnerable to wars, pandemics and supplies.

There is a move to decouple the electricity pricing system from the marginal gas price, for the benefit of the public. This would make energy bills lower and more stable as the country works to meet the effects of climate change, including reducing energy made directly and indirectly from gas. It is a complex pricing/tax/incentive/levies system that needs addressing and also needs to ensure major infrastructure improvements are in place as we transition to a clean energy future. There are petitions that can be signed and MPs to be contacted to make concerns known. For example, greenpeace.org.uk/take-action/end-the-great-gas-rip-off and mcsfoundation.org.uk

As world leaders and climate justice campaigners returned from Brazil for the UN climate talks COP30, it is worth catching and inspiring new film about how to turn our homes and streets into renewable power stations. The film is called 'Power Station' and is about two artists in Walthamstow, who set out to take their street off the grid, kickstarting a solar powered energy revolution. Find out more by searching the title on imdb.com

On Saturday 31 January, we look forward to seeing you with any damaged items for us to hopefully repair or to provide advice on how it can be mended. We are in the Parish Council Offices in old School Close, off Harrison's lane, between 10am and 12.30pm. Electrical, mechanical and wooden (small furniture only) objects, clothes and fabric items with a problem, garden equipment needing sharpening, computer (including help on using email and internet) and audio equipment, ceramic advice and mending Christmas toys can all be tackled. If unsure email ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com. The simple rule is if you can carry it/wheel it into the building, it's fine but no petrol driven machines. We continue to open on the last Saturday of every month.

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REPAIR CAFE**

Invitation to Ringmer Repair Cafe AGM - Thursday 15 January

It is a year since the Repair Cafe had its first meeting open to the public to plan for the start of Ringmer's own Repair Cafe. The steering group team now invites the volunteers who constitute group members to an AGM at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Room on 15 January. We are also inviting organisations who have supported the start up of this village endeavour and individuals who have offered advice throughout. The public are also very welcome to listen to the progress report, a financial update and plans for the future. Suggestions and feedback for us are also welcomed at the meeting. Light refreshments will be served at the end. Contact ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com



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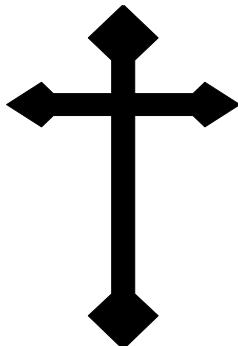
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We share lunch on several occasions during the year when we hear from various charities working to bring relief in difficult situations in the UK and worldwide.

Full details of our teaching for the month ahead and other activities, as well as the charities we support, appear on our website at ringmerbaptist.uk

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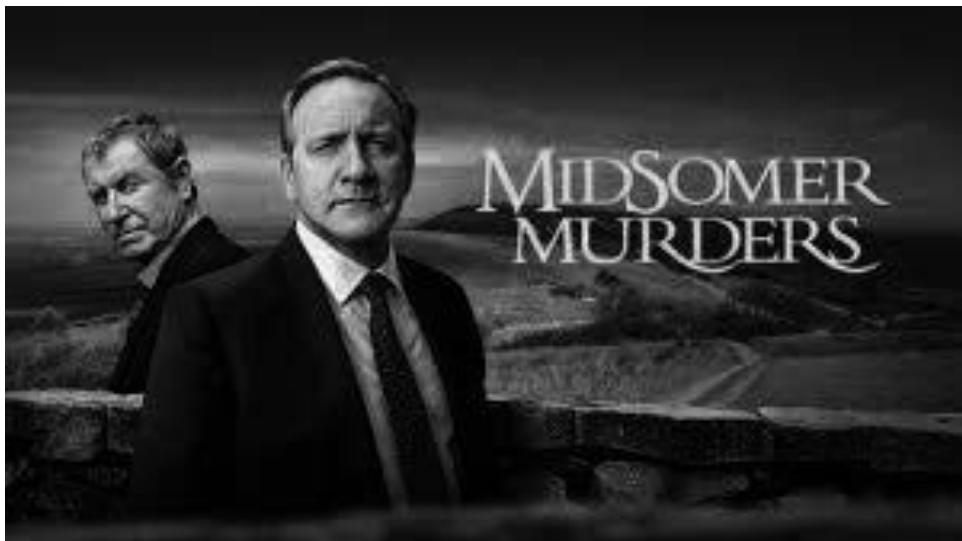
RINGMER WI UPDATE

On a dark, wet December evening we were delighted that 39 members turned out to our Christmas meeting. In a fascinating, entertaining and uplifting presentation, Andy Thomas covered the long and intriguing background to the festive season. From ancient midwinter celebrations of light to the marking of the birth of a Messiah, mid-December has long been a time for rituals and rejoicing by many cultures and civilisations.

Yet the history of Christmas has not been straightforward. Its celebration was banned in Puritan times and its merry traditions splintered into many guises before the Victorians rehabilitated the festival into what it has become today. Andy showed how, for all the commercialisation, we can still find meaning and enjoy Christmas today while keeping the flame of light alive in the winter darkness. After the talk, mulled wine and Christmas festive bites were served, an excellent start to the Christmas period.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 January when Peter Allen will talk about the history of television crime fighters. He will walk us through the quiet of St Mary Mead, the golden spires of Oxford, the cliffs of Broadchurch and the killing fields of Midsummer. On the way he will unearth clues that reveal how our fascination with the long arm of the law owes much to the uncertainty, experimentation and innovation of the early days of television.

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For more info ring Jill 07980 693667.



RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Friday 23 January 2026 when Mark Peters will speak to us about farming at Plashett Park Farm. Mark [pictured above] is the third generation of the Peters family to have farmed there over the past nine decades.

ART TUTORING IN RINGMER

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During the winter months we are open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 2pm and 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 12pm. There's also a permanent book sale trolley where you can pick up great quality books at a bargain price.

The library was super busy at the end of 2025 with a great author talk from Elly Griffiths and Lesley Thomson - we were pleased to see a packed hall for this terrific event. We sold books and jigsaws at the Village Hall Christmas Market and displayed a book tree in the Wonderland of Trees at St Mary's Church.

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

There are weekly story-times at 2pm on Thursdays with a special story-time for children at on Saturday 3 January at 10.30am.

Sociable Saturday is on 10 January between 10am and 12pm - everyone is welcome to nip in for a friendly chat over a coffee, meet old friends and make new ones.

On Thursday 15 January, we host the hearing aid maintenance session between 3pm and 4.30pm, brought to you by East Sussex Hearing.

On Saturday 17 January, it's the second session of Uckfield author Deborah Jenkins' Creative Writing course. This time, the focus on creating believable characters. It wouldn't matter that you missed the first one if you'd like to book for the remaining sessions. The final two are on 21 March 2026 and 9 May 2026. We've managed to keep the price as low as we can, at just £12.50 per session. Ask for more details or register your interest by popping in at the library, or emailing us.

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Ringmer Dramatic Society is delighted to share that our Spring production will be *All Exclusive*, a comedy written by Hugh Morrison and directed by Tyla Head.

Synopsis:

All Exclusive follows a group of very different British holidaymakers who arrive at a budget 'all inclusive' resort on the island of San Itairi, only to find their trip is far from the relaxing getaway they expected. As they bicker about the food, the heat, and each other, they gradually become entangled in a situation on the island that's far more dramatic than they realise. It's a fast-paced mix of holiday chaos, culture clashes, and escalating misunderstandings. The Dramatic Society is always interested in new members, both front and back stage. Email ringmerdramatic@outlook.com if you're interested in stage management, props, backstage, costumes, lighting, sound, special FX, hair and makeup, set design and construction, front of house or, of course, performing. The society also runs lots of social events throughout the year.



SAVE THE DATE – THE BEVERN TRUST ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

This year's Bevern Trust Annual Dinner & Auction is on Friday 6 March 2026 at Barcombe Village Hall. Further details to follow at beverntrust.org

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VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



As we start the month, work is taking place to improve heating in the Symons Hall with infrared boosters. These and other improvements come as a result of match-funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy from Lewes District Council and Ringmer Parish Council, for which we are extremely grateful. Some funding from the Parish Council is also enabling us to add a further noticeboard on the outside of the hall to help local groups promote events.

We are calling an Extraordinary General Meeting at 7pm on Monday 26 January in the Alan West Room. All users and supporters are welcome as we look to expand our committee.

The Christmas Fair was a fabulous success, and we are grateful to our stallholders, bakers and kitchen team for their support. The event raised well in excess of £350 for Village Hall funds. Marisa Hayes, the Village Hall Chair, reports that her highlight was the sweet or sprout spinner with Ringmer Brownies.

A date for your diaries – the Speed Jigsaw Puzzle competition is back on Saturday 7 February from 2pm in the Jack Hart Hall. How quickly can your team complete a 500-piece puzzle chosen at random? Teams of three or four at £10 per team, with hot drinks and biscuits included. Book at Ringmer Library or email ringmervh.chair@gmail.com

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AN UPDATE ON RINGMER COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Some important news from the directors of Common Cause Co-operative and Anthony and Vicky of Broyle Place Farm, who own the land used by Ringmer Community Orchard. After 20 fantastic years the arrangement for the Orchard at Broyle Place Farm will be drawing to a close early in 2026. During those years we have nurtured maiden whips of rare and unusual varieties of apples, pears and plums into robust fruit trees that gave us huge harvests. Many people have learnt new skills, enjoyed the site, we got cold, hot, tired from the labouring needed; donated, juiced and eaten a lot of fruit, and watched the wildlife benefitted as well.

It is early days, but we have started to look at possible ways that some sort of a heritage orchard could continue elsewhere in Ringmer – just not quite sure what, where or how yet. I hope that we can all keep hold also of how lucky we've been to have had 20 fantastic years. Thank you for your support. Please email me if you have any thoughts or wishes for the future. Contact Katharine at commoncauselewes1@gmail.com



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LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

At the LDC cabinet meeting on 11th December it was agreed to put the Lewes Local Plan out for consultation. Although some minor changes were agreed the plan essentially doubles the size of Ringmer village and Broyleside. The plan does not include a firm commitment to or proper planning for the required infrastructure to cater for the increased population.

The Parish Council will keep you updated on the consultation and how to respond.

In addition, the LDC Cabinet agreed a proposal by Cllr. O'Brien to loan Ovesco £500,000 to allow continuing development of the Norlington Lane solar farm.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUND

The Parish Council has identified certain projects that might be carried out using CIL funds to improve village infrastructure. These are: a new cricket pavilion, refurbishing the Scout Hut, Ringmer Village Hall Phase 2 – to create additional meeting space and youth provision infrastructure. The Parish Council will consult with residents through the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan review.

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/27

At the December meeting of the Parish Council, the budget and precept for the next financial year was agreed at £166,635 (£161,550 (25/26)). This represents an increase of 3.15%, which for a Band D property amounts to £76.21 per household; an overall increase of £1.64 per household.

A FEW PLANS FOR 2026

A Project Manager has been appointed to oversee the Springett Avenue Shopping Precinct project. Following the signing of the agreement, the tendering process will commence.

Moving to thoughts of the summer.... preparations for the 'Picnic on the Green' event, set for the August Bank Holiday on 31 August 2026, will soon begin – don't forget to pop the date in your diary.

Following the acceptance of a quote by the Parish Council in December, a new footpath entrance from The Broyle to the Skatepark on Fingerpost Field will be created – early 2026.

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RINGMER LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION ALERT

Councillor Emily O'Brien says: "By the time this magazine is printed a crucial local plan consultation for Ringmer should be under way – please do have your say. A Local Plan sets out where future development will take place, such as new homes, schools, transport, community facilities and locations for business growth, as well as the planning rules against which future planning applications will be judged.

"This is the fourth consultation on the developing The Lewes District Local Plan, it takes over six years to get to a Local Plan with many different hoops to jump through. This stage is key however, as it shows where housing is proposed and there is a lot of housing proposed for Ringmer and even if you have responded before we'd urge you have your say.

"As local councillors we have concerns not just at the amount of housing, but that although there is a clear commitment to any housing coming with the 'infrastructure' needed - shops, community space, cycle way, GP surgery, primary school - the detailed planning for what's most important and where it should go hasn't yet taken place. You may also have other ideas about what's needed, for example, perhaps traffic calming and a 20mph limit for the main road?

"As your local councillors, we have met with council officers who have advised this detailed 'infrastructure' planning is very much part of the next stage – so please do go along to one of the in-person events that council officers will be running, or respond online and share your thought not just on the volume and location of housing, but the facilities needed locally to go with any development, especially as some of the sites included in the draft local plan have also separately applied for planning permission - so they are in the system regardless of what happens around the Local Plan.

"We know that the Local Plan is of particular concern to all of us and our residents in Ringmer. Johnny, Lucy and I wrote to parish councillors last week. I have met with officers to seek reassurance over the next stage ensuring meaning provision of infrastructure, and I understand that Ringmer PC raised similar concerns at the meeting the same day. I also last week attended the meeting of local campaign group RAGE as a ward councillor, to hear their concerns, and I'm pleased to say the LDC Cabinet Member for planning today confirmed officers are looking at how best to incorporate both the requests they made. For example, adding an additional table plus clarity over the need for and commitment to the appropriate infrastructure (i.e. not housing in isolation) as part of consultation materials. I'll be doing all I can to encourage people to respond, do let ward councillors know of any opportunities to support engagement that the Parish Council is leading."

RINGMER AGAINST GREENFIELD EXPLOITATION



Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

A RAGE representative writes: "Lewes District Council's Cabinet voted to approve for

consultation a new draft Local Plan that is very bad news indeed for Ringmer. The details were carefully hidden, but their plan is to more than double the present number of houses in Ringmer, to create a new town here that would be as big as Newhaven.

"In addition to the housing sites already approved, the new plan proposes over 1,000 more homes on the fields between Bishops Lane, Norlington Lane and Broyle Lane, and several hundred more to the east of Broyleside, going as far as Half Mile Drove. They even propose another field of houses between the Primary School and Harrisons Lane - completely ignoring the fact that if that is available, it would obviously be needed to expand the primary school to cope with all the new children.

"While the new plan is claimed to be "Vision-led and transport-driven", in reality there is not the slightest sign of any vision for the new Ringmer it would create. Assessing whether any new infrastructure might be needed is just a detail left for later. The exact opposite of proper planning!

"The Cabinet that unanimously approved these proposals included two of our ward councillors, Cllrs Johnny Denis & Emily O'Brien. To add insult to injury Cllr O'Brien also proposed, and the Cabinet agreed, that the council should lend another £500,000 to OVESCO so that they can carry forward their plans for their huge new solar farm on the top quality farmland between Norlington Lane and the Uckfield Road. 'Consultation' on these devastating proposals will take place during January and February 2026. Lewes DC have not as yet arranged any consultation events in Ringmer."

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR YOUR PARISH MAGAZINE?

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Ringmer WI: Village Hall, 1st Tues in month, 7.30 pm. Call Judith Cox on 07971 659557 or email judithcox228@gmail.com

1st Ringmer Scout Group: Scout HQ, The Green, Group Lead volunteers Rachel Winney & Daniel Willetts. Book at bookings@1stringmer.org Scout Troop: Tuesday 7-8.30pm. Cub Pack: Thursday 6-7.15pm. Beavers: Thursday 5-6pm. Enquiries: scouting@1stringmer.org

St Mary's Wednesday Art Group: 10-12pm Church Room. New members welcome contact Kath Evans on 01273 812617.

St John Ambulance - Ringmer Cadet Unit: Village Hall, CADETS 10-18 years meet 6pm - 8pm contact Daniel at Daniel.Willetts1@sja.org.uk

St Pancras R.C. Church: High Street, Lewes. Sunday: Mass at 9 am Latin Mass: 12.30pm. Parish Priest: Fr Jonathan Martin 01273 473309.

Village Hall Bookings: Administrator: Bren Bonner 07739 400408 or email bookings to ringmervh.bren@gmail.com

Yoga Class in the Village Hall: Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm. Contact Sara McGowan on 07947 865876 or email: saramcgowan@yahoo.co.uk



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