



“NEWS from the PEWS”
The Parish of POSTLING
Part of the Elham Valley Group of Churches

**January
- February
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The Bi-monthly Newsletter of St. Mary & St. Radigund's Church, Postling

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*If you have an item about an event in the villages that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact
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Wine tasting event in your own home Join in by Zoom on Friday 29nd January

This is how it will work: Between 5 and 6pm on Friday 29th, we will deliver to your home seven different red wines, 50mls of each one per person.

With the delivery will come a sealed envelope with tasting notes for each wine- five descriptions will be offered for each wine, but only one will be correct.

You can then take a taste and try and decide which descriptions correctly match your samples.
At 8pm join us all by Zoom when we taste them together and decide what the wines are.

No prizes, just fun!

£8 per person donation to the church.

Please do let Peter Le Feuvre know if you would like to take part.



Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Crib service.
Sadly, the actual event had to be cancelled. Next year perhaps.....

Postling quizzes are coming your way!

Hosted by Chris and Jane Reynolds, they will take place every other Thursday evening by Zoom, starting off this Thursday 7th January at 7.30pm

A Zoom link will arrive on Wednesday. Three rounds of 10 questions. Pen and paper needed! Come and pit your wits against your friends and neighbours

Services in January and February

Sunday 3rd January

9.30am Family Communion	By Zoom	Rev Stephen Dougal
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Sunday 10th January

9.30am. Morning Service	By Zoom	Peter and Sarah
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Sunday 17th January

9.30am Morning Service	By Zoom	Peter and Sarah
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Sunday 24th January

9.30am Morning Service	By Zoom	Peter and Sarah
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Sunday 31st January

Sunday 7th February

9.30am Family Communion	By Zoom	Rev Stephen Dougal
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Sunday 14th February

9.30am Morning Service	By Zoom	Peter and Sarah
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Sunday 21st February

9.30am Morning Service	By Zoom	Peter and Sarah
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Sunday 28th February

9.30am Morning Service	By Zoom	Peter and Sarah
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The informal Thursday services will take a break, but will start again in Lent, on Thursday 18th February. They will take place either in the church or by Zoom depending on the situation at the time

Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

January 2 nd	Pat Elphick
January 9 th and 16 th	Denise Sigwart and Natalia Woods
January 23 rd and 30 th	Christine Hobbs
February 6 th and 13 th	Nikki Clark and Jane Reynolds
<i>Lent begins on 17th February- no flowers- cleaning only</i>	
February 20 th and 27 th	Anne Spratling and Pat Elphick

Postling Action for Conservation and the Environment (PACE): Debbie Reynolds writes:

A Christmas Season Log-Down

As the world twists and turns through the maze of Covid guidance and local lockdowns, we start to consider what really matters this Christmas season: our family, our friends and our local environment.

We know the sad tale of our declining nature and wildlife, as the habitats on which they depend disappear under road, house, industry and field. This is where we can give the most important gift of all, we can give life to our parish through the enrichment of our environment.

The increasing reality is that biodiversity is collapsing, with the South East being hard hit. One in ten species is considered at risk from extinction in Kent on our current trajectory.

Postling Action for Conservation and the Environment (PACE) is asking for us all to look at the habitats we are offering our landscape. Providing a log pile, of any size, in a shaded area of our gardens, will not only create a niche environment for fabulous predatory insects such as ground beetles and devil's coach horse, or a cool

ambient hostel for a noble slug and snail-eating toad, or an indulgent larder for a green woodpecker, or the security of shelter for a hibernating queen bee but also... a great way to store carbon.

Log piles can become an attractive feature in a garden, with colourful displays of mosses and lichen or candle-snuff fungus showcasing its vertical snow-white growth. Alternatively, a trailing plant or grand ferns can be planted to create a wonderful garden display. A local log-down will not cost the earth but will provide a crucial sanctuary and opportunity to the living nature we love in Postling.

Gardens can knit our landscape together again. Simple investments in nature such as log piles and small meadow areas provide key habitats that are sadly being lost through the ceaseless pressure to tidy, burn, trim, cut, pave or concrete.

