

# CAPEL PARISH NEWS

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Church and Community News

# Capel United Church

Our main worship takes place at **All Saints'**, Tudeley and at **Five Oak Green Church** with occasional services at **Thomas à Becket, Capel** (owned and maintained by The Churches Conservation Trust). See inside for details of services.

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## Pastoral Letter February 2021

The next lockdown has started as I write this in early January. We might have expected everything to be back to normal by now. Many churches have taken the decision to close down again because of the increasing seriousness of the situation and the threat to the NHS of being overwhelmed. If there has ever been a time for prayer this is it – except that it always a time for prayer.



We are taught by many examples throughout the Bible that we can pray wherever we are. God is always listening. And just as there is no one place to pray, there is no one way in which we have to pray. I was once taught by a wise nun that I should pray as I can and not as I can't. Some of the most powerful times of prayer for me, when I have felt closest to God, is when all I could do was weep. I could not find the words but my heart told God how I was feeling and for some of us of late that might have come more readily than at any time before.

One of the most comforting passages about prayer is in Paul's letter to the Romans where we are told *In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. Romans 8:26*



Without doubt there are places where we find it easier to pray and sometimes those are places where people have prayer for centuries but it is interesting when we are told about Jesus praying in the Bible it is not often in the Temple or the Synagogue. Sometimes we are told he prayed in a

secluded place, or in the wilderness or in a Garden. He even prayed for his enemies to be forgiven whilst he was on the cross. Prayer does not have to be in church. During the first lockdown we had a summer [prayer walk in the Churchyard at Tudeley](#).

Perhaps we can learn from the pattern of Jesus and his praying which took place as much of his teaching did out of doors. We can incorporate talking to God into our daily exercise which we are allowed to take. Some may prefer, even at this time of year, to potter in the garden or simply look out the window.



One of my favourite spots to pray is as I walk up to Thomas a Becket, Capel, both below as I look back towards Five Oak Green whilst walking across the field or up Church Lane, or even higher on the Amhurst Bank road where I can look down toward the church and, on a clear day, see further afield, and pray for all those living further away whom I would like to be with but cannot.

Whilst we are not able to worship in church together again, we are

still carrying on our Services at Home and whether you are a regular church goer or not you can find those on the [church website](#) or you could have them emailed each week if you contact our church administrator on [chadmin@tudeley.org](mailto:chadmin@tudeley.org).

Lockdown does not lockdown our relationship with God. He is always there to listen, even if we do not know what to say to him. Like all the best relationships sitting or walking with him in silence is just fine!

*Pamela I've*

## February Snippets

**1921**

**CAPEL CRICKET CLUB** — The annual meeting was held at the Congregational Hall on Thursday. Mr. A. Burton presiding. Mr. C. Fiddis, (Treasurer) presented the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £1 (£30 today). The Secretary, Mr. H. Tully, reported that of the 13 matches played, 7 were won, 5 lost and 1 drawn (a tie). A. Mercer headed the

batting averages, and S. Tully the bowling, taking 55 wickets for 354. Thanks were accorded the Rev. W. R. Holman for the use of the ground, and Mr. R. Wickens for presenting the Club with a roller and executing various repairs free of cost. Mr. W. Tolhurst was elected Captain; Mr. S. Tully, Vice-Captain; and Mr. H. Tully, Secretary.

## 1941

**MORE STIRRUP PUMPS.** The report of the Head Warden on the organisation of fire watching and fire-fighting parties stated that a further stirrup pump\* had been ordered to be placed at the disposal of fire parties. Half-filled sandbags had been distributed to all parishes, and sand was now being supplied to householders. It was hoped that the work on the new shelters at Five Oak Green, Langton and Pembury would commence shortly.

\* *Manually operated, stirrup pumps allowed water to be directed in a jet of up to 10 metres and were provided to extinguish magnesium incendiary (fire) bombs dropped from enemy aircraft.*

## 1951

**Capel Women's Institute** — Mrs. Smith presided at the monthly meeting. A talk on 'The Countrywoman in France' was given by Mrs. Enright, Shipbourne. An Australian food parcel\* was opened, each member receiving one tin. Three members tied for first prize in the mince pie contest — Mrs. Avis, Mrs. M Wickens and Miss Looker. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Avis and Mrs. Allen. There was an animal team race for the social half-hour.

\**Food parcels - usually tins of meat or fruit - from Australia (and other former Dominion countries) were received in the UK until the early 1950s. The parcels were sent by individuals and charities as a goodwill gesture to supplement strictly rationed food in post-war Britain.*

## 1961

**Bride-to-be went shoplifting.** A girl who went shoplifting in London four days before she was due to be married was fined £5 (approx. £100 today) at Marlborough Street Court on Tuesday. The girl, Miss Patricia Crush, 24-year-old shop assistant of Whetsted Road, Five Oak Green, told the magistrate, Mr. Paul Bennett. V.C., that making arrangements for the wedding "got on top" of her and she did not realise what she was doing. Mr. Bennett told her, "I would have thought it was a time for pleasure and excitement."

Researched by Graham Rolando

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## **Notes from your Borough Councillor**

I hope that this finds everyone well. Parishioners have asked for information on Covid-19 testing and vaccination. The situation is very fluid and locations have already changed, with additional sites being added. As I write this on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, this is the current situation;

**Testing:** Appointments are needed for any tests. For those with Covid symptoms, the testing site at Knights Park is up and running. It started operation on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> January and is next scheduled to be in operation on 22nd and 23rd January. Currently no future dates have been provided. Use the KCC website to book for testing here or at other sites.

The Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, opened last week for asymptomatic testing. This test is to identify people who have Covid but are not displaying symptoms. Importantly, it will help to break the chain of transmission and this centre has received very positive feedback. You can book for testing at the AHT using the TWBC website.

Further centres are due to open at The Vestry Hall in Cranbrook and then at The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood.

**Vaccination:** Information is being updated on the CCG website here: <https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine>

The Borough is split into three 'PCN' (Primary Care Network) areas – Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and The Weald. The vaccination programme has been up and running for some time in Tunbridge Wells and has now started in both Tonbridge and The Weald. TWBC is talking to all PCNs and others about possible additional venues that would reduce the journey time for residents.

As residents in Capel use different nearby surgeries it is important to understand which surgery falls under which PCN and where their vaccination centre is currently located:

Woodlands Health Centre in Paddock Wood is under Tonbridge PCN, which uses Tonbridge Baptist Church, Darenth Avenue, for vaccinations.

Waterfield House Surgery is Tunbridge Wells PCN and used Abbey Court Medical Centre, this is now being relocated to the Masonic Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

Howell Surgery, at Brenchley and Horsmonden, (Weald PCN), uses Headcorn Surgery and from the Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> January, Headcorn Aerodrome TWBC is also talking to the CCG about further 'mass vaccination sites' in the West of the county. The first to come on stream will be Darent House (in Sevenoaks) with a capacity to take 1,000 patients a day.

I am acutely aware that residents are very keen to be vaccinated but it is

important that they don't ring their surgery (placing additional pressure on the system) but, rather, wait to be contacted, you will be supplied with all the up to date information you need.

**Notes on Covid 19 Grant Schemes for Businesses:** There are many different Schemes/grants available at the moment, they cover Tier 3 and Tier 4 grants; other more general and very specific grants and there is help available for businesses. I would fill many pages listing them all, so please find out more by using the Covid Banner on the TWBC website.

Please stay safe and think of others at this difficult time. If you have any queries or need help, please contact me by email: [Carol.Mackonochie@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:Carol.Mackonochie@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)  
or telephone: 01892 832118

*Carol Mackonochie*



## From the Kent & Sussex Courier Friday 01 November 1918

### CAPEL FUNERAL

P.C. J Ayres, who has for some years been stationed at Five Oak Green, died somewhat suddenly on Saturday morning from influenza. At the beginning of last week, he and his family were all suffering from the prevailing epidemic.\* He was thirty-seven years of age and leaves a widow and seven children. The youngest child is only a few weeks old. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, when a number of Police Constables and officers in the Tonbridge Division accompanied the hearse on foot to the churchyard, and the coffin was then borne on the shoulders of a selected number of bearers. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. L. Lachlan and a number of floral tributes was sent.

*\*Given the date and description of PC Ayres' cause of death, it is very probable he was a victim of the second, and most deadly, of the four waves of what became known as 'Spanish Flu'. This pandemic began in the USA and spread rapidly as large numbers of American troops arrived on the Western Front after their entry into the First World War. The pandemic ran from 1918 until 1920 and, although accurate figures are difficult to verify, it is estimated to have killed between 17-100 million people or 1%-6% of the global population.*

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## PENSION CREDIT

**Are you missing out on extra cash?**

Did you know that up to 1.2 million families entitled to Pension Credit have not claimed it?

It only takes a few minutes to make sure you're getting all you're entitled to. Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre is encouraging pensioners in the area to find out about the Pension Credit they may be missing out on.

Pension Credit means that people need not live on less than £173.75 a week for single people or £265.20 for couples. On top of that, people might also get help with their rent and reduction in their council tax or even extra cash for caring for someone.

What's more if they reached State Pension Age before 6 April 2016 they may be entitled to extra money if they have made some provision towards their retirement such as savings or a private pension. This is called the Savings Credit and could be up to £13.97 for a single person or £15.62 for a couple.

Lots of people could be missing out on Pension Credit because they wrongly think it isn't meant for them. You might still get extra money even if you own your own home or have some savings.

### **How do I get help?**

Our offices are open during the covid-19 outbreak, however, during lockdown or tier 4 restrictions, we are only offering telephone and video appointments or email advice. We will open for face-to-face appointments and drop-in clients as soon as possible, please call to check the latest position. Get in touch with us on: [info@pwadvice.org](mailto:info@pwadvice.org) | 01892 838619

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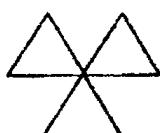
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## **Friends of Capel Church**

Every year at Christmas the Friends of Capel Church erect a Tree of Light in the church of St. Thomas à Becket at Capel. This activity is led by two stalwarts of the Friends, Jane and Bryan More.



As well as decorating the church the tree serves an additional purpose relating to the family aspect of the season. Visitors are invited to hang a star on the tree in memory of any loved one, be it a family or friend, who has passed away. A donation to the church in their memory is invited.

Always well supported it was particularly so in this year when all have suffered challenges in various forms the Covid pandemic. Donations this year to the church by those placing stars on the tree amounted to over £135 towards the preservation of this historic and much loved church.



## **I would like to thank all those on the Capel Country Friends Committee**

The work that has been done to keep our club going over the years has been absolutely wonderful and a great deal of time-consuming endless effort and a great deal of work by them all. I personally appreciate all their hard work and I am quite sure many will do also.

Sadly over the years we have lost many great members I will not mention as so many have passed on and we miss them all. Our recent loss was of Celia our Chairman who gave up many years to please us all with cream teas and alfresco lunches in her garden with the help, once again, of all the committee members. This was a great shock to us all and she has been missed so very

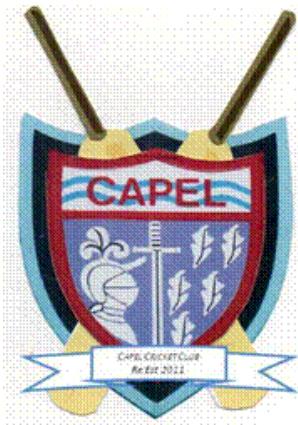
much, but the committee continued with enthusiasm keeping us all on our toes with entertainment and quizzes plus a wonderful Christmas tea party in December 2019 which we all enjoyed.

Unfortunately, the Christmas lunch was put on hold and then we were all hit with the corona virus and everything was shut down; very sad, but we have to abide with the laws.

During this year we have now lost a few more members, so so sad, and all the committee members like me are getting that little bit older. They have done so much over the years and now want to step down, bless them all, which I am quite sure all the club members will understand completely and would like to thank them one and all for all their hard work over many many years to keep us all entertained.

I myself would like to thank them personally for what they all have achieved, outings, Christmas teas, lunches and so much more. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and I wish you all a very relaxing 2021.

*Gloria Joy*



## Capel Cricket Club

February is a quiet month for the cricket club, though in a normal year our seniors, juniors, and ladies' teams would have started indoor training for the new season, and we would be sending a team to play in the 6 a side Maidstone indoor competition.

Sadly, in 2021 none of this is possible. However, we are optimistic that the worst will be over by the spring and we have a full fixture list for the seniors running from late April to late September. Work is also ongoing for fixtures for the ladies and junior teams.

If you are thinking of joining the largest social (and sporting!) club in the village - social membership at just £10 will entitle you to access to the pavilion bar on Friday evenings during the season and on Sundays for home match days. We are also looking for players (male or female) of any skill level to join us for the new season – we are running some development fixtures for young and newer players alongside our normal senior games in 2021, or you could join our women's softball team - serial winners of local tournaments.

A date for your diary is the annual **Cricket Club quiz on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – by Zoom this year so there is no need to book a taxi! Details to follow next month.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING.**

**Pat Crawford provides the rural focus press group comment and advice column**

According to the UN, developing countries are using a variety of Covid-19 related packages as a springboard towards a greener recovery and some ambitious initiatives are planned. Meanwhile a reminder that the United Nations COP26 UN climate conference that was postponed due to Covid-19 will now take place in Glasgow in November.

Researchers working at McGill University project the threshold for dangerous global warming is likely to be crossed 2027 – 2042. This is considerably earlier than the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) projection. McGill's approach to projecting the Earth's temperature is based on historical data and is said to reduce uncertainties when compared with earlier methods.

Researchers from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology together with Oxford University have modelled how some of our currently most common garden birds could be affected by climate change. Citing Great Tits, will the species be able to respond to the earlier emergence of caterpillars on which their chicks are fed? It is estimated that parent birds need to find about 1,000 caterpillars a day in order to feed their offspring. Way back in the 1990s work undertaken by Dr Humphrey Crick at the British Trust for Ornithology revealed that birds were responding to climate change by breeding earlier and this pattern has continued. The question is: will a tipping point occur? At the same time, it is reported that some species once confined to Europe mainland are already beginning to colonise the UK.

Sir David Attenborough gave an upbeat speech recorded for the BBC. "This could be a year for positive change, for ourselves, for our planet and for the wonderful creatures which share it. A year the world could remember proudly and say 'we made a difference'."

Good news from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe where the operating theatre at a hospital has installed an uninterrupted electricity supply powered by solar energy.

Let's remember that lots and lots and lots of little changes add up to big changes!

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**PARISH MEETINGS** – The next full Council & Planning meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 (held virtually). Joining instructions will be displayed on the agenda which will be posted on the Council website.

**Allotments** – There is currently a waiting list for allotments, please email [clerk@capelpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@capelpc.co.uk) to be added to the list.

Plots are allocated following the order of the date of receipt of the application form and parishioners who do not already have an allotment will take priority over parishioners who already hold a plot. If you live outside the parish those who live in the parish will take priority.

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## **Sandbags Recreation Ground Garage - keys holders are:**

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## **Parish Chairman's Notes February 2021**

Unfortunately, Mrs Emma Ivory who has served the parish as clerk since the end of 2014 will be leaving us at the end of January for a new post. We wish Emma all the best in her future career and thank her for her service to the council over the last six years.

The clerk has a key role, not only taking the minutes of meetings but also as the executive officer of the council managing the council's assets and contractors as well as seeking legal guidance to tell councillors what they can and cannot do. In order to reflect the requirements of the post more fully we have rebadged the job for prospective applicants as 'Parish Manager and Clerk'. The good news is that we had a good range of high quality applicants for the post and we are in the final stages of appointing a replacement subject to references. Hopefully, we will be able to say more about the new Capel Parish Manager and Clerk next month.

At the last Council meeting in December the councillors formally backed the proposal for development at Castle Hill off the A21 as a replacement for the Tudeley Garden settlement which was so heavily criticised by local residents at Regulation 18 and in the questionnaire for the Vision for Capel. Castle Hill is also in the Green Belt but is much less open than Tudeley and more constrained and crucially would not result in major disruption to the rural way of life in the Parish. The Parish Council also believes there are much better alternatives to the proposal at East Capel. During the Regulation 19 process already started in January we will be arguing that it is totally disproportionate to allocate 4160 houses to Capel Parish (with up to another 800 planned later) which is over half of the current Borough council housing allocation. If we cannot persuade TWBC to change their minds we will have to argue our case at a Public Inquiry, which is why we have put £20 000 in a sinking fund to cover legal fees over the last two years.

Also, in December councillors agreed to freeze the precept (the proportion of Council Tax received by the Parish) which is the council's main source of income. We did not think it was appropriate to raise the burden on residents during the Covid crisis, and we will finance extra spending, for example the sinking fund contribution, from reserves. (There still may be a very small increase in the parish portion of the council tax bill because of a smaller tax base in the parish this year, but this should be insignificant).

*Hugh Patterson*

## **Church Plans for Lockdown 3**

Almost the only part of my article in the January *Parish News* that turned out to be correct was the warning that everything might change! Clearly prophecy is not one of my skills. However, with the same caveat that what is planned at the time of writing may be irrelevant by the time you read this, here is what the church in this community might be doing in February.

There will be no public church services in either Tudeley or Five Oak Green for the rest of January or the whole of February. Individual church leaders will offer prayer and worship from each building at least once a week and if you have particular prayer requests you would like us to include please let us know. The Five Oak Green Church may continue to be used at specific times as a distribution point for the local foodbank but generally both buildings will be closed to visitors.

Each week a new Service at Home will be posted on the church website ([www.tudeley.org](http://www.tudeley.org)) and can be sent directly to anyone who asks for it. On Sunday 31st January at 10am there will, in addition, be a service on Zoom and we would be glad to send the link to anyone who would like to join in from home.

On Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February the church congregation will gather on Zoom at 9.30am for half an hour to exchange news and to pray. Again, all are welcome to join us.

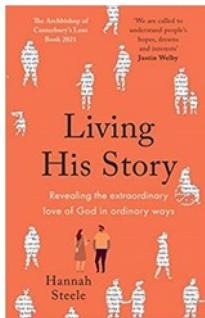
From Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February the church year will move into the Lent season and a separate article by Susie Pinder in this magazine gives more detail about our plans then.

As noted in the January magazine, the Revd Jeremy Ive is currently on sabbatical for three months and for the month of February the Revd Pamela Ive will also be standing back from parish duties. By the time you read this our two long serving Churchwardens, Celia Curling and Philip French, will also have completed their terms of office. So if you wish to contact us about any of the points here, or for any other support this month, please contact the Revd Wendy Swan or one of the remaining lay leaders whose details are provided at the front of this magazine.

*John Ellis  
Church Secretary*

## *Service during Lent 2021*

The tradition that you 'Give Something up' during Lent is fading into the past, instead, the emphasis has been to try something 'new' or 'different'. So, as this year is already not as we expected, we are going to try something 'different' for each of the Sunday Services, whether 'At Home', or 'Meeting together'.



On each of the Sundays, starting on 21st February, we will be exploring a chapter of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 'Living His Story' by Hannah Steele.

The author looks at new and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. With warmth and encouragement, she shows us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts.

Living His Story is a Lent devotional that can change the way you think about evangelism, show how ideally suited it is for the world we live in and fill you with confidence in sharing God's love with the people around you.

Then, at 19.30 on Monday evening of each week, starting on 22nd February, there will be an opportunity, for those interested, to participate in a ZOOM gathering to explore a little deeper the specific chapter. The link will be circulated with the Service for each week and posted on the Facebook page and Website. You do not need to be a member of the congregation at Capel United Church to participate.

The book is available from Amazon, and other suppliers, cost £9.99

In conjunction, a short daily Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer is available either by purchasing this small booklet, priced £1.99, a daily delivered e-mail or phone posting. For the latter two you will need to register. Follow the links on:-  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

We do hope you will be able to join us as we look together at how to Live out our Love of Christ within the Community where we live.



## The Night Sky in Five Oak Green – February 2021

If you look due south around 6pm at the start of the month you will find Mars at an altitude of  $55^{\circ}$  above the horizon. It was at its closest in mid-October but is becoming fainter and smaller because the Earth has caught up with it, passed it and is now currently rushing away from it. The point where the two planets are at their closest (astronomically called “opposition”) only occurs every other year in the case of Mars, in fact to be more precise the time between oppositions is, on average, 780 days. The Earth, as we all know, takes about 365 days to orbit the Sun once whilst Mars takes a little less than twice that at 687 days so by the time the Earth has caught up for the next opposition more than two years has elapsed.

As mentioned previously, the red planet is moving swiftly eastwards when compared to the starry background. It begins the month in Aries but crosses the border into neighbouring Taurus on the 24<sup>th</sup> in preparation for a close approach to the star cluster, the Pleiades or Seven Sisters early in March.

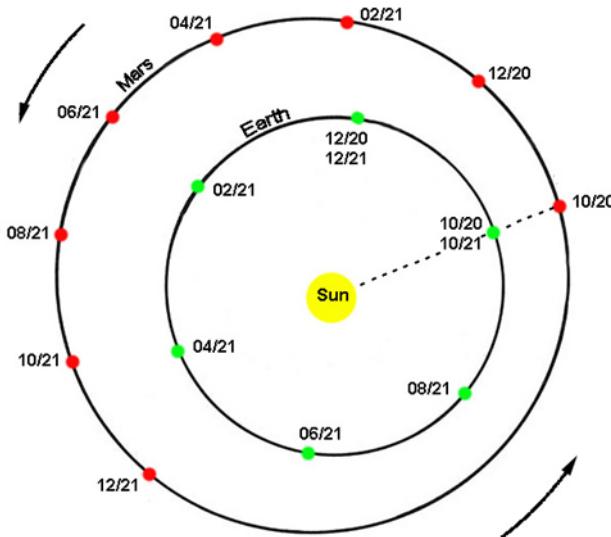
Jupiter and Saturn, that put on such an impressive show last year and very early this year, have disappeared from our evening skies. They both passed behind the Sun as seen from Earth (referred to as “solar conjunction”) during January and in the coming months will be reappearing in the morning skies just before sunrise.

The movements of the planets can sometimes be difficult to comprehend because all these bodies, including the Earth, are in motion around the Sun which means our observation point is constantly changing. It's not as if we are viewing from a remote and fixed point, our own yearly movement plays a large part in how we perceive the other planets to be moving. To try and understand this more let's begin by looking at how the planets beyond the Earth's orbit seem to behave.

The diagram shows the orbits of the Earth and Mars for just over one year and begins in October 2020 (10/20) when opposition occurred which is where the dotted line is. You can see that the Earth, on the inside track, is moving more quickly and it soon leaves Mars behind. If you follow the lines of sight from Earth to Mars for each date (2 months apart) you can see that for the rest of 2020 and the first part of 2021 Mars appears well away from the Sun. In fact, back at the time of opposition when we observed Mars, we were looking directly away from the Sun. However, by the time we arrive at June, and more particularly at August 2021 (06/21 and 08/21) if you draw a line from Earth to Mars (our line of sight to the planet) you will see that line now passes very close to the Sun.

After a year's journey the Earth is back at its starting point (10/21) and Mars is behind the Sun in solar conjunction as seen from Earth. After two more months, if you draw a line between 12/21 for both the planets, Mars will appear to have moved to the other side of the Sun as seen from Earth. This is when it

will have changed from being visible in the evening to being visible in the morning.



You can see from this that it is not only the movement of Mars that affects where it appears in the sky but, to a larger extent, that of our own planet. However, this is not the case with all members of the solar system as we'll see next month.

Brian Mills FRAS

## Describe what love is

J R Miller (1840-1912) was considered by many to be the most gifted devotional writer of his generation. His book 'In Green Pastures' was much loved. Here is J R Miller's paraphrase of the famous 'love' passage in 1 Corinthians 13:

Love thinks no evil. It does not suspect unkindness in kindly deeds. It does not imagine an enemy in every friend. It does not fear insincerity in sincere professions of esteem. It does not impugn others' motives nor discount their acts.

On the other hand, it overlooks foibles and hides the multitude of faults that belong to every human being, even to those who are the holiest and the best. Love believes in the good that is in people and tries to think of them always at their best, not at their worst.

It looks, too, at the possibilities that are in people, what they may become through divine love and grace, and not merely at what they now are. It is wonderful how seeing through love's eyes changes the whole face of earthly life, transfiguring it. If the heart be filled with suspicion, distrust, and doubt of people, the world grows very ugly. But love sees brightness, beauty and hope everywhere.

Article from *The Parish Pump*

## **LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The events of last year served to draw attention to the importance of ensuring one's affairs continue to be managed in the event of incapacity. The situation may be temporary - involving, for example, a period in hospital – or it may be longer term such as in the case of someone diagnosed with dementia or suffering loss of mental capacity for any other reason.

An Ordinary Power of Attorney applies to decisions and administration of financial affairs of someone who has full mental capacity. It may apply to periods in hospital, living abroad, holidays or other circumstances including simply wanting assistance with financial and other matters.

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) can be set up at any time and will come into effect if the individual no longer wishes to make decisions for themselves or when they lose mental capacity to make their own decisions.

An Enduring Power of Attorney, although replaced by LPAs in 2007, is likely to be valid if it was made before the change in October 2007. Nevertheless, it is advisable to check validity.

It is important to consider the individual/s chosen to act as attorneys very carefully. It may be family members, friends or professional advisors. Anyone appointed as attorney must maintain accounts and these must be made available. The scope of an LPA will vary from individual to individual but may include paying bills (regular and one-off), paying mortgage and other such outgoings, investing money, et cetera. It may also include making decisions about health care, et cetera.

It is important not to confuse the duties of an Attorney with those of someone appointed as Executor of a Will although it is commonplace for the same individual/s to be appointed to act in both respects. A spouse or someone in a civil partnership does not have automatic right to make financial and other decisions unless they are included in an LPA.

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, senior corporate consultant at MHA, points out that in order for LPAs to come into effect, they must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian, PO Box 16185, Birmingham B2 2WH.

Before making an LPA some individuals may prefer to seek help from accountants, solicitors or other professional advisors.

*Pat Crawford  
Rural Focus Press Group  
and Macintyre Hudson Finance Information column*

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## **Capel History Society**

It was with great sadness that the Society's members heard that Mary Stinton has died.

Mary was one of the four local historians who met in 2003 to begin research into our parish history, resulting in the publication of our first book Capel Explored in 2007, to which she contributed chapters, one on the story of Capel School at which she taught for many years, and the other on the discovery of prehistoric remains and the children's study of them. She, with her headmaster husband Ken, who died just a few months ago, was uniquely qualified to write on both subjects.

Her immense knowledge and enthusiasm for bringing the history of the parish to wider notice made her the obvious successor to our first chairman, Mike Temple, when he moved to Lancashire, and it was Mary who oversaw the publication of Capel Explored Two in 2013. That book includes her chapters on Somerhill, the d'Avigdor Goldsmids and Marc Chagall.

Although she retired as chairman after the second book was published it will come as no surprise to know that she, and Ken, are mentioned several times in Capel Explored Three.

Mary Stinton was an inspiration to many, and not only did so much to tell us about the history of Capel, she will always be part of it.

*Don Foreman*



### **Prayer Points**

- We pray for all those working for and with the NHS and pray for safety for the medical staff who work with the most vulnerable patients. Give thanks for those who are going to be delivering vaccinations and pray that the process for that will go as smoothly and rapidly as possible.
- We pray for those who have been disadvantaged because of this Epidemic, either through loss of job, housing or love ones. Help us to treat each other with generosity and gentleness even when we are feeling fragile ourselves. We pray especially for those whose mental health is suffering remembering especially the young people who are unsure about what the future holds for them.
- Prayer for all in relationships which are under strain or abusive and especially those who may be in danger during this time. We pray for all agencies and helplines who are trying to support the most vulnerable.



## Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. In normal times, we offer a variety of group walks, mostly on Sunday mornings with additional mid-week rambles each month. Our walks are usually circular and about 5-6 miles in duration. We explore the beautiful Kent countryside from different starting points within the Tonbridge and Malling area and, occasionally, further afield. New members are welcome, as are those wishing to try us out before joining Ramblers

Group walks are currently paused due to Tier 4 restrictions. We will be restarting as soon as we can, dependent upon government guidelines and Ramblers national guidelines. Meanwhile, you can find out more about our group at: <http://www.tonbridgeandmallgramblers.org.uk> .

One of our activities is to ensure that public footpaths within the Tonbridge & Malling area are readily accessible to all walkers. We have footpath observers in each parish to check paths and report issues such as broken stiles and gates; broken or missing footpath signs; fallen trees and other obstructions. We always welcome help with this so, if you are out walking and encounter a problem, please do raise an alert. You can do this by logging the fault yourself on the Kent Country Council (search for 'KCC public rights of way') or by emailing details (with photo and path number/location) to [info@tonbridgeandmallgramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmallgramblers.org.uk).

## Fairtrade Fortnight: 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March

It has been a terrible year for farmers and workers in the global south.

In 2020, on top of the pandemic, they had to deal with the growing impact of climate change: more droughts and crop disease, locusts, floods, fires, and heatwaves. No wonder their harvests were shrinking.

Yet with the help of Fairtrade, many of these producers of food, drinks and cottons can be equipped to meet more everyday needs, and to deal with the challenges facing them.

So this month, why not visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) and see how you can send some support.

*Article from The Parish Pump*



## Five Oak Green Community Gardening

Hello and a belated Happy New Year, time ran away with me so apologies for not putting a January entry forward. I hope you're are all well and managing to navigate what can be a very worrying time.

We have passed the Winter Solstice on 21/12 with the shortest day, and therefore now looking forward to having more daylight hours. There are some treasures in flower this time of year, the bright yellow mahonia flowers with the treat of such a gorgeous scent, some early flowering camelias and soon the flowers of bulbs will be starting to bloom.

The planters have a selection of blue anemones, crocus, grape hyacinth and the original tête-à-tête daffodils, all of which were very kindly planted by our great team of volunteers.

So plans are afoot as to what to include in this year's planters and perhaps to change a few planters which may need some repair. We hope to develop ideas and get involved with other groups in the village.

Meanwhile I've made a list of some of the seeds you can sow this February if you fancy giving it a go:

### Veg

Chard, lettuce, carrots, radish, peas, spinach, cabbages to be sown in well drained compost indoors and broad beans can be sown directly outdoors.

Extra heat is needed to help the following germinate.

Tomatoes, peppers, chillies, aubergine and greenhouse cucumbers.

### Flowers

Ammi majus, Antirrhinum majus, Cosmos, Pelargonium, Sweet peas, Salvia 'patens' 'splendens' and 'farinacea'.

Good luck if you decide to give any of these a go.

*Sophie Peers*

### Other Dates for February

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| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Capel Parish Council Meeting | To be held virtually | Joining instructions will be displayed on the agenda which will be posted on the Council website<br><a href="http://www.capel-pc.org.uk">www.capel-pc.org.uk</a> |
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## **Capel Country Friends**

We have more sad news this month. I am sure that by now many of you will have heard that Janet Sells passed away early in December after a long illness. Janet was a staunch member of the CCF and was our Treasurer for many years. Janet also arranged our many outings which were always looked forward to as she managed to find lovely and interesting places to visit over the years. She was always one of the first to offer her services to help the Club in any way she could, and she will be sorely missed by us. We send our sincere condolences to Janet's family.

I have just heard today (22<sup>nd</sup> December) that Mary Stinton has also passed away today. Coming so soon after the death of Ken it must be a particular blow to Mary's family, and our sincere condolences go to them at a very difficult time.

Mary was a founder member of CCF along with Ken, and over very many years gave huge support to the Club. She was always a staunch supporter of Capel School, and whenever we were invited up to see the children's performances, Mary was always delighted to go along and give our vote of thanks. Although both Ken and Mary had been unable to come to our meetings for some time, I am sure everybody will be sad to know of her death.

We have had to make a decision to cancel the AGM in February due to the ongoing COVID crisis. I think it extremely unlikely that we will be able to mingle in large numbers for some considerable time, so our AGM has been indefinitely postponed.

Being that it was exactly a year from the 2020 AGM that we were in lockdown it is a great shame, but hopefully after we have all had the vaccine, we will be able to meet again.

In the meantime, if there is no printed version of this month's magazine, would anyone reading this who knows of a friend or neighbour who is not on the internet, please will you let them know of our decision. Thank you everybody and stay safe.

*Margaret Fenner*

Dear Editors,

It has come to my notice that with the new year, our parish magazine has a different title. Capel Parish News. I feel that this is such a pity that the mention of Tudeley Church has been foregone. There has been a church on this site for centuries and, indeed, it is actually mentioned in the Doomsday Book. Could the Committee possibly re-think this decision and reinsert the name of the church. I do know that our parish is now known as Capel United Church, but please let us not discard our foundations. Please reconsider.



Yours faithfully,

Susan E. Pickett (Mrs.)

*We have received a number of emails regarding this issue and have therefore published a response from the Chairman of the Parish Magazine Committee below. Eds .*

Thank you Sue for raising your concern. Several of our readers have raised similar questions.

The previous name on the magazine cover was the former name of the Anglican parish ("Tudeley cum Capel....." etc) which has not been the actual parish name for several years now. It seemed strange to a number of people to name the magazine after something that does not any longer exist.

The Committee considered several alternatives, including using the current name of the church parish. However for a magazine that aims to serve the whole community, not just regular churchgoers, it was concluded that much the simplest and best was "Capel Parish News", which picks up directly the familiar name of the civil parish. This also brings the magazine into line with almost all other community organisations serving the same people; if you look down the back cover of the magazine you will see it is normal to refer to local groups as Capel Country Friends, Capel Pre-School, etc. The Capel Cricket Club, for example, is not just for people who live around Capel Church but has its pavilion and ground in Five Oak Green and includes people from all around the parish in the team. We are confident that is how "Capel" is normally heard locally.

I have been asked if the change of title is signalling any change in coverage and it is not. As before, most people featured in the magazine are likely to live in Five Oak Green as that is by far the largest settlement in the parish, but the Editors are just as keen as ever to have news and contributions from people in the hamlets of Colts Hill, Tudeley, Whetsted, etc.

There is no intention to change the pictures on the front cover. So the three much-loved church buildings, that have served past and present generations of the community, will still feature every month.

I hope that clarifies the intention and the position.

*John Ellis*  
*Chairman of the Magazine Committee*

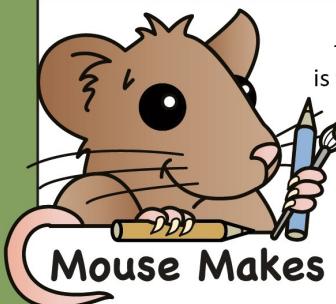


### Dates for your diary

#### Regular Events

**N.B. The regular events listed below are the pre-Covid timings – please check with your group organiser that the events have re-started and are happening at these times.**

|                                 |                        |                                    |                          |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mon<br>Tues, Wed,<br>Thurs, Fri | Capel Pre-school       | 8.30-11.30am<br>8.30am-3.30pm      | Capel Village Hall       |
| Monday                          | Bowls                  | 2.00pm – 4.00pm                    | Capel Village Hall       |
| Monday                          | Pilates                | 8-9pm                              | Capel Village Hall       |
| Monday                          | Karate                 | 8.00pm-10.00pm                     | Goldsmid Hall            |
| Tuesday                         | Ringcraft              | 7-10pm                             | Capel Village Hall       |
| Tuesday                         | Badminton              | 8.00pm-10.00pm                     | Goldsmid Hall            |
| Wednesday                       | Mobile Library         | 9.45-10.15 am<br>(fortnightly)     | Oak Road                 |
| Wednesday                       | Dance Lessons          | 4.00pm-10.00pm                     | Goldsmid Hall            |
| Wednesday                       | Beavers                | 4.45pm - 6.00pm                    | Capel School             |
| Wednesday                       | Rainbows               | 5.00pm – 6.00pm                    | Capel Village Hall       |
| Wednesday                       | Brownies               | 5.00pm – 6.30pm                    | Capel Village Hall       |
| Wednesday                       | Guides & Rang-<br>ers  | 7.00pm – 8.30 pm                   | Capel Village Hall       |
| Thursday                        | Line Dancing           | 7.00pm - 10.00pm                   | Capel Village Hall       |
| Thursday                        | Capel Toddler<br>Group | 9.30-11.15am dur-<br>ing term time | Five Oak Green<br>Church |
| Thursday                        | Cubs                   | 6.30pm                             | Five Oak Green<br>Church |
| Friday                          | Scouts                 | 7.30-9pm                           | Capel Village Hall       |



### FIND THE CREATION PAIRS

from Genesis 1 and 2

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| EARTH   | MORNING |
| LIGHT   | FRUIT   |
| DAYS    | SEA     |
| TREES   | NIGHT   |
| LAND    | FISH    |
| EVENING | YEARS   |
| ADAM    | HEAVENS |
| DAY     | DARK    |
| BIRDS   | WATER   |
| SKY     | EVE     |

### WHAT AM I?

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is the first letter of the next ....

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- What two things did God create first? Genesis 1:1

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- What was the Earth without? Genesis 1:2

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- What came before morning? Gen 1:5

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- Who is the creator? Genesis 1:1

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- What was separated from light? Gen 1:4

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- Who was created God's image? Gen 1:27

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- Who moved over the water? Gen 1:2

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Can you find these words  
in the word search?

GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT  
FLY • DEEP • EARTH  
DARK • DAY • LIGHT  
NIGHT • STARS • SKY  
SEA • LAND • BIRD  
CREATURE • HUMAN  
TREE • PLANT • SEEDS  
FRUIT • GOOD • TWO



By the **seventh** day  
God finished the  
work He had been  
doing. God *blessed*  
the seventh day  
and made it *holy*.  
When God gave  
Moses the Ten  
Commandments the  
**forth commandment**  
said to remember  
the seventh Sabbath  
day, to *keep it holy*  
and set apart  
for God.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The first  
word of the Old Testament  
in Hebrew is *bereshith*  
which means “*in the beginning*”.  
The Greeks translated this word  
as **GENESIS** which means  
creation, origin  
and generation



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4. Richard Wilson, founder of the Hoppers' Hospital, was Vicar of which London church?
5. In which year did the present Capel School open?



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