

The Parish of  
November 2009  
Burham & Wouldham



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# Dear Friends



Jennie writes.....

Brrr .... It's November. The days are short and grey, the evenings long and dark and sometimes very lonely for the elderly. So **a big thank you** to all those who responded to our Stewardship Programme 'Graciously Giving to God' by offering to become part of a team reaching out to the elderly and housebound with friendship, visits and spiritual comfort. This is one of our three activities that the Parish Church will be taking forward in 2010, and others being:- Strengthening our commitment to children's work within the two village schools and in church; developing a weekly coffee morning in All Saints as a focus for friendship and other community activities.

May I also extend that **big thank you** to everyone who responded with financial gifts or other offers of voluntary work. All will be put to good use as we grow in God's work in these our village communities. Growth though, generally involves a mixture of the familiar and the new. Think of the 13 year old boy whose voice suddenly breaks. It's still his voice but unnervingly different until he gets used to it and it's new possibilities. A growing church, doing new things:- a new hymn, a new activity inside the building, a new way of arranging the furniture can also feel a bit unnerving until we become accustomed to them and appreciate the new possibilities created.

Damp rot under a pew platform at All Saints has unnerved us as a worshipping congregation and not just for fear of falling down the hole! Unnerved us because it forces us to think about an issue and to make a decision. Should we return the nave to the village folk for their communal activities or keep it for listening to sermons? You see, pews were an invention of the reformation, when services changed from being in Latin to English, and so allowed sermons to be preached .... often long sermons, so long that the gentry at least wanted to sit, and paid for their own pew to be installed in their church. It was this that put an end to the many village activities that had hitherto taken place in the nave space. In the course of time however, pews became a generally accepted and loved part of church furniture.

The present pews in All Saints are late Victorian and 1/3rd of them are being undermined by damp rot. Should we repair and reinstall them, or replace some of them with a form of moveable seating, creating anew the space that allows a wide variety of events to happen in the nave, apart listening to sermons?

Whatever the answer, it must I believe, include an area set aside specifically for people to sit in quiet with their thoughts and with God in this our beautiful and ancient parish church. (*See page 6 for churches to visit to see how they have changed their nave seating*)

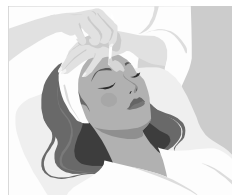
*Yours Jennie*

## **A PAMPER EVENING**

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**FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER**

**6.30—10.00pm**



## **BURHAM VILLAGE HALL**

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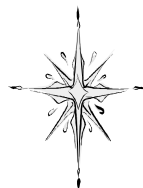
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## **ADVENT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER**

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# NOVEMBER

## Church of England Services

### Sunday 1st November

10.30am Family Service All Saints, Wouldham  
3.00pm Baptism. William Osborne  
4.30pm Annual Memorial Service  
for 'Our Loved Ones Departed'

### Thursday 5th November

3.15pm Thursday Church Wouldham School

### Sunday 8th November

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE



10.30am All Saints, Wouldham  
3.00pm Burham Memorial Gardens & concluding in  
Burham Methodist Church

### Sunday 15th November

10.30am Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham  
Guest Preacher: Rev'd Ross Garner

### Thursday 19th November

10.30am Holy Communion Winchester House  
Nursing Home

### Sunday 22nd November

10.30pm Holy Communion, All Saints, Wouldham

### Sunday 29th November

10.30am Advent Sunday Service All Saints, Wouldham

## **Opportunities to visit churches to see how they have changed their nave seating.**

**Group visit** on Sunday 15th November to All Saints, West Farleigh and St. Nicholas Otham. Leaving Wouldham Church at 12 noon.

Bring a packed lunch.

or

### **Visit on your own:**

**All Saints, West Farleigh.** Open for Sunday Services: 1st Sunday 8am. 2nd Sunday 11am. 3rd Sunday 9.30am. 4th Sunday 11am. 5th Sunday 10.30am.

**St Nicholas, Otham.** Open for Sunday Service 9.15am

**St Georges, Wrotham.** Church open every day. Charity coffee morning every Tuesday 10.30am—12.30pm

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham

## **Winter Fuel Grant 2009**

**Applications for grants towards the costs of winter fuel bills are invited from residents of the Ancient Parish of Burham.**

To qualify for assistance applicants should be aged 65 years or over and have lived within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish for the past 10 years.

The weekly HOUSEHOLD income of applicants, i.e. the total income from all occupants, must not exceed £220 for single occupancy or £270 for multiple occupancy. For this purpose, income is determined after deducting half of rent payable (rent after deducting any housing benefit received) and ignoring attendance allowance and similar state benefits and credits. Only one application per household will be considered. The Trustees reserve the right to make such enquiries as they believe necessary to confirm entitlement to the grant.

**Application Forms will be available from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 from:**

### **Burham**

Dave Young, 17 Bell Crescent

Jill Emptage, c/o Jill & Jim's shop

Jasmine Bradley, 5 Hayley's Place

Tony Ford, 1 Downsvie

Roger Kiralfy, c/o Arkadia, 159 Rochester Road

**Blue Bell Hill:** Barry Smith, 253 Robin Hood Lane

**On Line:** [www.burhamcharity.co.uk](http://www.burhamcharity.co.uk) **e-mail:** [info@burhamcharity.co.uk](mailto:info@burhamcharity.co.uk)

*If you require help completing the form please feel free to ask a trustee.*

**Completed Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Kiralfy at the above address by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009.**

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# **NOVEMBER Methodist Services**

## **Burham Methodist Church, Church St.**

### **November 1<sup>st</sup>**

10.30am Morning Service conducted by David Newell

### **November 8<sup>th</sup>**

3.00pm Remembrance Service

Joint service with the Anglican Church

Burham War Memorial & concluding in the Church in Burham

### **November 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Morning Service led by Rod Murr

### **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

4.30pm Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Gary Watt

### **November 29<sup>th</sup>**

10.45am Circuit Service at Union Street Methodist Church, Maidstone  
to celebrate Advent Sunday

## **Church Flowers**

If you would like to remember a loved one, flowers may be donated to the Church in Burham at your special times and the donations can be acknowledged in the Church Notices for that week if you wish. Donations can include money to buy flowers or donations of flowers. If you would like to arrange the flowers, we would be very happy to arrange this with you. Please contact Eileen Smith on 867022 about donations or if you are willing to help with arranging the flowers at any time.

## **Church Services**

For Weddings, Blessing of Marriages or Baptisms in the Church in Burham, please contact either Eileen Smith or Joyce Brown.

## **Christmas Windows**

For the past 20 years or so, it has been the tradition to decorate the Church windows with Christmas scenes. This year the theme will be the 'Colours of Christmas'. If you would be interested in decorating one of the windows or simply want to know more, please contact Trevor Smith on 867022.

Window displays will need to be in place by the beginning of December.

*Eileen Smith, Senior Church Steward*

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Every Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club *Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here also on: 19th November, 10.30—11.30	Old School Community Centre Burham
Every Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November	3.00— 4.30 pm	Join us every Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea, cake, a quiz and friendship	Burham Methodist Church
Friday 13th November	3.30pm	House Group	12 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham
Thursday 12th November	1.00pm	Country Lunch Anyone is welcome to come for good company, a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese followed by fruit pie, coffee & tea. Cost £2	Burham Methodist Church
Tuesday 17th November	7.30pm	WI Meeting AGM. Produce Show	Wouldham Village Hall
Wednesday 18th November	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting	Rectory
Tuesday 24th November	7.30pm	Talk by Prof. Michael Reiss 'Darwin, Evolution & God's Action in the World	Rochester Cathedral
Friday 27th November	10.30- 11.30am	Coffee Morning	All Saints Wouldham

### SWAP SHOP

If you have a household or garden item that you wish to give away, swap or need, you may advertise freely in this Magazine. Write a brief description of the object along with your telephone number and send it to the Editor before the 10th of the preceding month. Also you can check out: **freecycle.org** to find your local group to give items away or look for wanted items.

# **BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

## **NOVEMBER**

A PACT meeting took place in October – further information to follow. As you may be aware, both PC Roddick and PC Dalton have transferred to other positions. These were personal decisions rather than restructuring within the force.

Back in the summer, I wrote to Wicksteed regarding the condition of the wetpour surface in the play area as over the last couple of years, it had crumbled and cracked in several areas and whilst patching has been carried out by them, it was the opinion that the whole area required addressing under the terms of their warranty. After a little “nudging”, Wicksteed did agree to re-surface the area free of charge (they had quoted over £8,000 originally for this work). This work was carried out very quickly and now looks much better and safer for the users.

County Councilor Homewood has agreed to supply the funding for a replacement bench at the top of the recreation ground. A grant application has been submitted and we await further information from KCC.

Village of the Year 2009: Judges feedback has now been received and has been pinned to the notice board in the Old School grounds. It is also available to view on the website.

Another “bash the Trash” is in the process of being organized. Dates and times will be available in due course.

Valley of Visions – Project proposals for Parish Councils/Community Trail project. This project is focused around improving local access and encouraging residents to get out, learn about and explore their local area by recreating a circular trail from the centre of the community to the surrounding countryside, using existing public rights of way. Funding is available of up to £20k. Community participation in the project is a key aspect. If you are interested in assisting or would like more information, just let me know.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, just give me a call on 01622 609324, e-mail me on [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk) or come along to the monthly meetings, normally held the last Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 November 2009, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

*Pam Saunders – Clerk – Burham Parish Council*



# **Jellybeans Pre-School** **Christmas Fayre**

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December,  
2pm-4pm*

**Wouldham Village Hall**

**Including Santa's Grotto, Lucky Dip,  
Christmas and gift cards, tombola,  
raffle, refreshments, and lots more fun and games.**



***Bring the family, and support your local pre-school.***



## **PRACTICAL PARENTING**

A 'PRACTICAL and biblical' course on parenting has been set up by the Revd Mark Melluish, general manager of conferences for the New Wine Network, and the Vicar of St Paul's, Ealing with his wife, Lindsay. It now has its own website:

[www.discoverfamilytime.com](http://www.discoverfamilytime.com)

The site was launched last month, and is based on Christian principles, but it stresses that the course is aimed at all parents, not just Christian ones. The ten week course, complete with handbook and DVD, can be ordered through the website, which offers samples and testimonials.

# Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

## NOVEMBER NEWS

Last month saw us return from a very successful week trip to France for children in Years 5 & 6. This was an exhausting week for children and staff but very rewarding for everyone. We visited many different places, including a cheese factory, Nausicaa Aquarium, a corn weaving farm and an exciting swimming pool! Children were able to practice their French language skills throughout the week and we were complimented many times on how proficient they were.

Residential visits are such an important part of education as they help to develop independence, persistence and the ability to meet challenges. This is especially so when in a different country. It was great to see the children develop in confidence and ability over the week and I am sure that many happy memories will have been made which will last for a lifetime. Can you remember school trips that you have been on? Which were the most memorable and why? Talk to the children you know about your memories.

Also during October we have enjoyed netball and football matches, walks, a sing at Winchester House, Harvest, Trafalgar, Funky Footwear Day, cakes and obviously a well earned holiday. Don't forget to come back to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and can you manage to bring a shoebox filled with goodies to send off to needy children in another country. It would be great to beat our record of shoeboxes as that would mean even more smiles and happy faces from Wouldham brightening up another child's Christmas far away.

November brings the cold and dark but also lots of fun and brightness in school. We are looking forward to new curriculum themes, lots of hard work and sharing anti-bullying week activities with our friends at Burham.

Don't forget to keep working on your home learning challenges and reading challenges!

### **Dates for your diary**

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	First day of term. Don't forget shoeboxes!
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sponsored walk
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday Church with Harry & Friends at 3:15pm
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Owl Class to Nashenden Farm
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Barnado's Bean Plants returned
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Week
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Writer's Day

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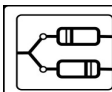
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## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The nights are drawing in now, the mornings are dark and chilly and we are all packing our BBQs away. At the October meeting we discussed with councillors and TMBC about the parking problems up on the Knowle. Parking is not permitted on the grass verges as a vehicle has to reverse onto the highway. Also there are pipes carrying services under the grass verges. It would be too expensive to dig the grass verges up. TMBC are currently reviewing possible yellow lines throughout the village. Any comments to Sarah Eggesden our Parish Clerk: [wouldham.pc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wouldham.pc@hotmail.co.uk)  
There have been enquiries about "rights of way". If a farmer owns the land and a footpath runs through it, the land owner can plough up the whole field but must reinstate the walkway by running the wheel of a tractor along it to make a metre wide footpath.

The Valley of Visions is a 3 year Heritage Lottery Fund Project working to improve heritage, wild life, landscape and access in the Medway Gap and encourage people to look after, enjoy and celebrate their local area. For this purpose, Medway has been twinned with Halling. We used to have easy communication with Halling via the ferry. Two possible circular routes have been suggested for Wouldham. Along these routes we will have benches and information on local features, etc. Watch this space for more news on this exciting development.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, e-mail Sarah: [wouldham.pc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wouldham.pc@hotmail.co.uk) or come along to the monthly meetings, normally held the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, *Anthea Parnell, Parish Councillor.*

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## MEETINGS

### **Parish Councils:**

#### **Wouldham**

Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm. Village Hall.

#### **Burham**

Monday 30th November 7.30pm, Old School Community Centre.

### **Public Police Meeting** —all welcome

Monday 30th November, 7-7.30pm. Burham Community Centre

# PARISH NEWS

## Baptism

11th October  
Holly Beth Johnston



## Halls for Hire

*(Please do not telephone after 8.0pm)*

**Burham Methodist Church Hall –**  
01634 864139

**Burham Old School Community  
Centre –** 01634 863322

**Burham Village Hall –** 01634 867669

**Wouldham Village Hall –**  
01634 867452

**Burham Scout Hut (for youth) -**  
01634 862914

## Choir Practice

Practices are held on  
Thursdays at  
Wouldham Church.



New juniors 7pm

Juniors 7pm—8pm

Seniors 7.30pm—9pm.

New members are always welcome:

Roger Pick – 01634 842360

## Prescriptions

If you are unable to collect your  
prescriptions and live in the  
Parish of Burham & Wouldham,  
the Church offers a collection  
service.

Contact Heather Lloyd;  
01634 863345

*Volunteers collecting these  
prescriptions need a minimum of  
24 hours notice*

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED.....  
to sew 250 knitted squares into  
a warm blanket to be sent  
through Christian Hope  
International to a needy family.  
Please contact Jennie— 666862**

## Bulky Refuse Collection

*TMBC Helpline 01732 876147 or:*

*www.tmbc.gov.uk*

### Wouldham -

#### 7th November

Village Car Park, Knowle Rd,  
8.0am – 9.0am.

### Burham –

#### 14th November

Village Hall Car Park,  
8.0am – 9.0am

### Eccles –

#### 7th & 21st November

Bull Lane lay-by,  
8.0am – 9.0am

*Do not leave waste unattended at the  
collection sites or in advance of the  
waste vehicle arriving.*

## WANTED

Once again it is almost time for the Poppy Appeal and I can tell you that last year Kent hit the Million — totalling (£1,011,564.15). You will soon be asked to give again. Let's hope we can do even better this year. We are lucky in Burham to have excellent helpers but of course we are always looking for more. So if you can help, contact Margaret Mather—862258. Thank you in anticipation.

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## WANTED!

The coffee morning held in aid of Breast Cancer Research on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Burham needs—  
**A NEW VOLUNTEER to run it and support this worthwhile cause.**

Contact Trish Golledge  
01634 862966  
to find out what's involved

## SHOE BOX APPEAL. Shoeboxes are sent to E Europe for Christmas.

Some people have so little and things we take for granted can mean so much. Gifts are luxuries that can't be afforded. Please fill a shoe box with small gifts to bring joy this Christmas. Wrap a shoebox & lid separately. No food other than sweets. Note whether the gifts are for a: girl 3-7, girl 8-12, teenage girl, woman, elderly woman, boy 3-7, boy 8-12, teenage boy or man. Then attach the list to the outside of the box. Alternatively take your gifts (or donations for gifts) to Doreen (864139) who will arrange for them to be put into boxes.

**ASAP now please so that they can be shipped by Christmas but no later than 6th November.**

## BLYTHSWOOD CARE

There is an urgent need for clothing for all ages, bedding and household linen for humanitarian aid. Please contact Doreen: tel. 864139 who can collect.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their kind wishes, prayers, cards and flowers that have given me so much comfort and encouragement during my recent illness.

Thank you, Emm Simmons





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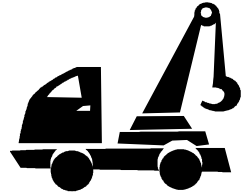
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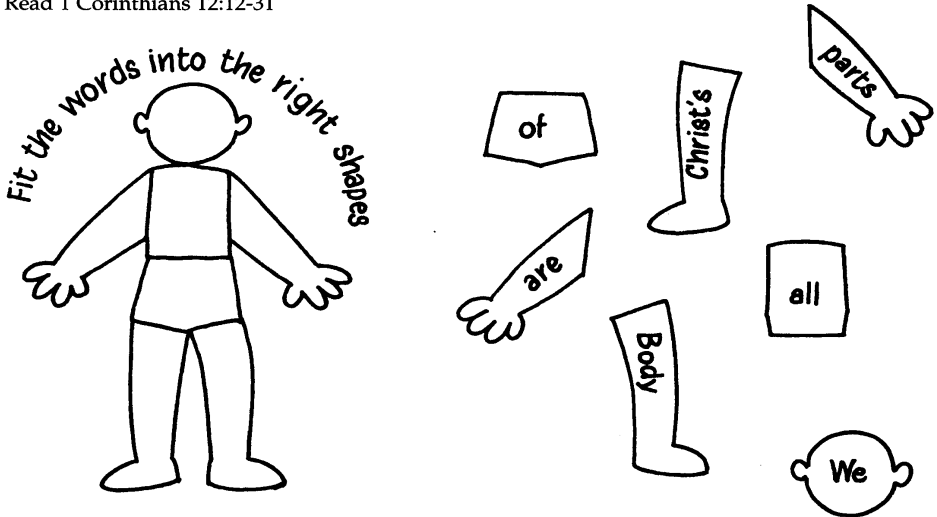
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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## All parts of one body

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31



Circle the ways that people can be useful to God

MAKING CUPS  
OF TEA

SINGING A SOLO  
IN CHURCH

BEING A MISSIONARY

PRAYING

BEING FRIENDLY  
TO A VISITOR TO  
CHURCH

DUSTING

DRAWING A  
PICTURE

PREACHING  
A SERMON

GIVING YOUR  
MUM OR DAD  
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### **BURHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In July we said goodbye to our Year 6 Pupils as they moved on to Secondary Schools in both Kent and Medway. We held a service in The Church in Burham for all Key Stage 2 children to give our blessing as they start a new era in their lives. There were presentations to pupils throughout the School to acknowledge hard work and achievement, both in their academic and sporting activities and also to reward those who had 100% attendance throughout the year. Year 6 Pupils were presented with an Autograph Book.

In June the Governing Body, following Consultation with Staff and Parents had to decide to reduce the number of classes in the School from 7 to 6 as the number of pupils on the role has been steadily decreasing over recent years.

In September we welcomed our new pupils into Year R who have now settled well into school life. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, all the children attended at Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the Church in Burham led by Rev. Jennie Bradshaw. The children brought gifts which were sent to the Community Store in Gillingham to provide food parcels for the needy.

*Continued* .....The Governing Body has recently changed its membership and the manner in which the Governors carry out their roles. The Re-Constituted Governing Body has fewer members, which reflects the reducing number of children in the School. We have also restructured with the intention of working more strategically with the Headteacher and Staff and to monitor the progress and achievements of the children.

It was most pleasing, as Chair of the Governing Body to attend a presentation at the Ramada Hotel when Burham School, together with about 20 other Primary Schools in Kent were awarded the 'Quality Mark'. This national award reflects the continuing progress and improvements in schools and we are proud that this is the third time that we have reached the required standard. This term has seen the introduction of the new school uniform and there have been very positive comments about the children's appearance. Cardigans and jumpers with a new school badge, which reflects clearly that Burham School is a Church of England School, have replaced the sweatshirt. The children all wear white shirts and ties and I have been pleased to hear pupils say that really like this change of uniform.

*Eileen Smith – Chair to the Governing Body*

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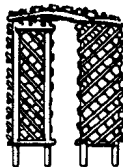
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