

Rotas for St Margaret's

Sidesmen/-women and Readers

- 2 Mar Side: J Rucker
Reader: Robert Wells
- 5 Mar Side: J Clemence
Reader: Jill Scott
- 9 Mar
8:00 Side: J Hurrion
Reader: Sue Tawney
- 11:15 Side: J Fair
Reader: Arthur Rucker
- 16 Mar Sides: P Payne
Reader: Sunday Club Reader
- 23 Mar Side: R Wells
Reader: Sue Owen
- 30 Mar Sides: A Rucker
Reader: Xanthe Veneziani

Church Flowers

- 2 Mar Fiona Brooks
- 9 Mar Lent
- 16 Mar Lent
- 23 Mar Lent
- 30 Mar Lent—Mothering Sunday

Church Brass Cleaning

- 15 Mar Graham Clark & Arthur Rucker
- 19 Apr Elizabeth & Richard Shirtcliff

Church Cleaning

- 1 Mar J Horner & S Owen
- 8 Mar L Law & H Watson
- 15 Mar J Martineau & L Weston
- 22 Mar S Brunton & S Sinclair
- 29 Mar G Brooke & J Fair

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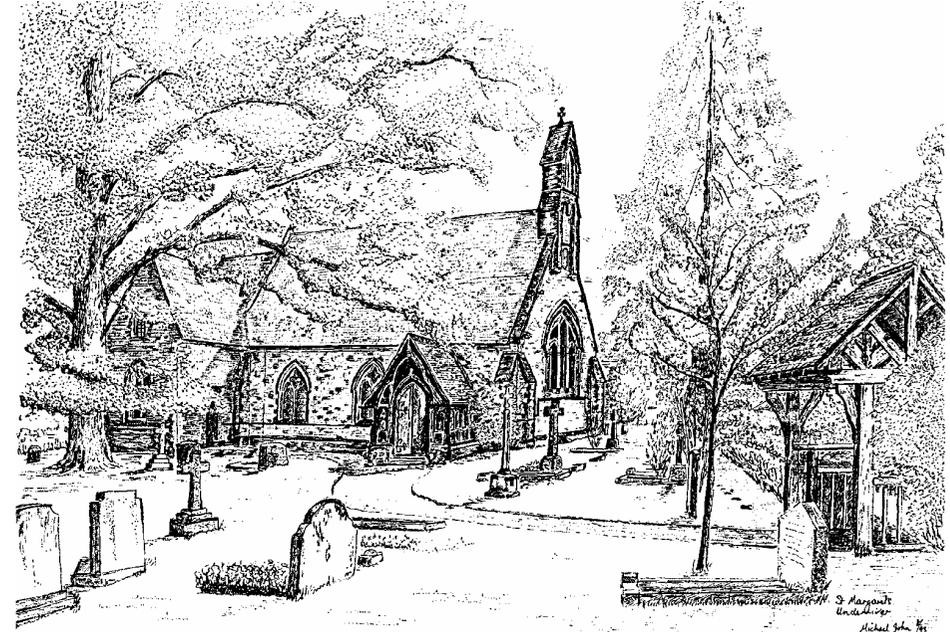
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Underriver Newsheet

March 2014



THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH...

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The Church of St Margaret, Underriver

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Church Calendar

MARCH

2	Sunday next before Lent	Green
	11:15 All-age Service	Reading: Matthew 17:1-9
5	Ash Wednesday	Purple
	10:00 Holy Communion (with imposition of ashes)	Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 & Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
6	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
9	Lent 1	Purple
	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	Readings: Romans 5:12-19 & Matthew 4:1-11
	11:15 Matins (BCP)	Readings: Romans 5:12-19 & Matthew 4:1-11
13	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
16	Lent 2	Purple
	10:00 Sunday Club in the Village Hall	
	11:15 All-Age Family Service	Reading: John 3:1-17
19	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
23	Lent 3	Purple
	11:15 Parish Communion (CW)	Readings: Romans 5:1-11 & John 4:5-42
27	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
30	Mothering Sunday	Purple
	11:15 Mothering Sunday Service	
APRIL		
3	08:30 Morning Prayer (CW)	
6	Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)	Purple
	11:15 All-age Family Service	Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Key: BCP = Book of Common Prayer - a service using traditional (17th C) language and form;
 CW = Common Worship - a service using contemporary (21st C) language and form

Spem in Alium
 featuring His Majestys Sagbutts & Cornetts

A musical journey through Renaissance Europe including music by Gabrieli, Gesualdo, Handl, Sweelinck, Weelkes and Tallis

Conductor: Robin Walker

www.cantate-choir.info

Saturday 22 March at 7.30pm
 St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks

The Cantate Choir

Tickets, priced £15 with refreshments, are available from Sevenoaks Bookshop, 147 High Street and the Cantate Box Office on 01732 770570

Services at St Lawrence, Seal Chart



MARCH

2	Next before Lent	8:00	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9:45	All-age Family Service
4	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
9	Lent 1	9:45	Family Communion (CW)
11	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
16	Lent 2	9:45	Family Communion (CW)
18	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
23	Lent 3	9:45	Matins (BCP)
26	Tuesday	8:30	Morning Prayer (CW)
30	Mothering Sunday	9:45	Mothering Sunday Service



THE HARRISON SISTERS' PLAYERS

present a concert at
UNDERRIVER HOUSE

by kind permission of Mr and Mrs S Kildahl

SATURDAY, 15th March, 2014, at 7.30pm



NICK PRITCHARD
Tenor



ALEXANDER EDMUNDSON
Horn



LEANNE SINGH-LEVETT
Piano

Canticle 3 'Still Falls the Rain'
Winter Words
Liederkreis, Op.24
Auf dem Strom (tenor, horn & piano)
Horn Sonata in F major, Op. 17
Villanelle for Horn and Piano,

Britten
Britten
Schumann
Schubert
Beethoven
Dukas

**Support will be given to the Charity
the Kent Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance Trust**

Requested Donation: - £18 (Wine is included in the interval)

Cheques payable to:- D R Candlin,
MeadowBROOK, Vines Corner, Hildenborough, TN11 9LT

Enquiries: David and Sally Candlin - Tel: 01732-832203

The Underriver Recorder Group welcomes new players!



The Underriver Recorder Group would love to have some more members so if you play the recorder please do get in touch. We try to meet once a month for about an hour to play together and more often if we need to polish something up for a performance. We are ably organised by Lesley Martin so please contact her either by email – lesleymartin@waitrose.com or tel 01732 833076.

FROM THE VICAR

Easter Day is quite late this year on the 20th April, so Lent is also late starting near the beginning of March. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and ask what we need to do to live in God's way. Lent mirrors the forty days that Jesus spent being tempted in the wilderness while preparing for his ministry to begin (Luke chapter 4).

During Lent there will be a series of sermons with two or three questions posed for individuals or bible study groups to reflect upon.

On the 4th March we have an opportunity to eat pancakes galore on Shrove Tuesday, following the traditions of our forebears who kept Lent very strictly without eating butter, eggs or sweet things like honey. Their eggs and butter had to be consumed before Lent started and the tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday began.

On Wednesday 5th March at 10 am there will be a joint Holy Communion Service at St Margaret's in Underriver to mark the first day of Lent. This service will also include making a cross of ashes on the forehead of each individual, to help us remember our fragility as human beings as well as our propensity for doing the wrong thing.

Sunday 30th March is Mothering Sunday, a welcome break in the reflective season of Lent and an opportunity to give thanks for all that our mothers have done for us, or maybe give thanks for whoever it was who brought us up. There will be special services in the churches to celebrate and we will be giving posies of spring flowers to the mothers present and if we have enough flowers to grandparents and fathers as well!



Passiontide begins on the Sunday after Mothering Sunday. The tone of our services becomes more sombre and we reflect upon the final journey that Jesus and his disciples made to Jerusalem. Passiontide then leads us on towards Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday.

I hope that Lent this year will be an opportunity for growth for each of us as we take time reflect upon our faith and the relationship we have with our Lord. Do come and join us in church, if you are able to, you will be most welcome.

Yours in the love of Christ

Carol

St Margaret's Church Website

St Margaret's now has its own website. To keep up to date about services and events please see

www.stmargaretsunderriver.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

You are probably already aware that we plan to have the church lych gate cleaned and refurbished this spring. This gate is our World War I Memorial naming the men from Underriver who died between 1914 -1918. The gate will be cleaned, sealed and the inscriptions will be re-cut. This will part of our church and village preparations for the anniversary of the day on which the war began - 4th August. If you would like to contribute to the refurbishment contact: John Clemence, "Bassetts", Mill Lane, Hildenborough, TN11 9LX.

Looking Ahead:

Ash Wednesday

5th March 10 am: Holy Communion (joint) service at St Margaret's

Mothering Sunday

30th March 11.15 am: Mothering Sunday Celebration Service

Palm Sunday (with procession down the hill at 11.05 am)

13th April 11.15 am: Palm Sunday Service

Maundy Thursday (joint service)

17th April 8 pm: Holy Communion

Good Friday

18th April 9 am (approx.): walk from St Margaret's to St Lawrence's Church

11.00 am: come and join us for hot cross buns and coffee at St Lawrence's

11.15 am (joint) Good Friday Service

Easter Day

20th April 11.15 am: Celebration Family Holy Communion

Prayer Times

Please come to our prayer group:

- * 4th March 10 am at the Vicarage
- * 17th March 2.00pm at Grenadier, Riding Lane
- * 1st April 10 am 50 at The Crescent
- * 14th April 2.00pm at Shepherd's Cottage

LOCAL THEATRE



For ballet-lovers the weekend of 15th and 16th March could be an interesting one.

On 15th March at **the Stag Theatre Sevenoaks** (01732 450175) the Vienna Festival Ballet will give two performances of **Swan Lake**. Lavish costumes, stunning scenery, international stars and talented young artists are promised, along with Tchaikovsky's glorious music in what is perhaps the best-loved ballet of them all.

The next day, 16th March – matinée only, at **the Assembly Hall Theatre Tunbridge Wells** (01892 530613) Ballet Theatre UK will present a ballet version of **The Little Mermaid**. This show is billed as a charming and poignant retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's story of a kind-hearted mermaid who rescues a Prince in a storm, falls in love with him and makes a bargain with an evil Sea Witch in order to keep him.

On 9th March, also at **the Assembly Hall** (01892 530613), **Hot Flush** (said to be the naughtiest musical in town) will tell of the ups and downs of four ordinary women - and one man. So, women readers, grab your girlfriends (and your man as well); and take them to a show that promises to be more fun than joining a gym, to be cheaper than botox and to leave you feeling 34½ again! Ah well ...

There will be three plays well worth considering at **the Trinity Arts Theatre Tunbridge Wells** (01892 678678):

On 8th March Icarus Theatre Collective will perform Ibsen's great but grim tragedy **Hedda Gabler**. Married to a man she no longer loves, Hedda is driven to diabolical ends to discover purpose in her life as the world closes in on her.

On 14th March Paines Lough and Birmingham Repertory Theatre will perform Kate Tempest's new play **Hopelessly Devoted**. Chess is in prison - and faces total isolation when her cell and soul mate Serena is given parole. Hope comes in the form of a music producer who finds Chess a powerful reason for loving music again. However, first Chess must face her past. The play combines lyrical fireworks with exhilarating live music.

On 21st March Orange Theatre will perform Shakespeare's **Macbeth**. Led on by his murderous wife and deceived by the fiends who lie like truth, Macbeth kills King Duncan and seizes his kingdom. In the process – and in the spate of killings that follow - he destroys his own and his wife's sanity.

Also at **Trinity** on 5th and 23rd March, anyone who has not yet seen the National Theatre's production of **War Horse** with its stunning horse puppets can see a screened presentation recorded at the New London Theatre. Or you could still catch up with it on the London stage.

On 25th March at **Sevenoaks' Stag Theatre** (01732 450175) there will be a second performance of **The Close-Up Show**, an intimate evening of close-up magic, trickery and sleight-of-hand by Magic Circle performers. The last chance to see this show will be on 25th April.

Arthur Rucker.

UNDERRIVER BOOK CLUB

Alice Munro, a Canadian author now aged 83 who won the Noble Prize for Literature 2013, has drawn enormous attention back to the short story, her favourite mode of writing.



"Dear Life", a book of 14 stories, brought forth an animated discussion with the general feeling that there was no time to get to know the subjects before the stories abruptly end. Often the subject matter was harsh, thrown at the reader suddenly in single sentences without any further description or outcome, leaving the reader frustrated.

If a reader in general enjoys the storyline more than the writing style then they were disappointed and did not enjoy the book. However Alice Munro's amazing ability to see her characters and their faults, without judgement, makes a few of us want to read more. As the author Anne Enright says "her stories do not ask for our praise, but for our attention".

Janet di Nola

Large trampoline for sale

We have a large trampoline for sale (in pieces) in good condition - great fun for children and adults! We would like £50 for it for Hospice in the Weald and you would need to collect it.

Please contact Jane Kildahl if you are interested on 832123.

Underriver Produce Markets 2014 Support Hospice in the Weald

The Underriver Produce Markets will again be held in aid of Hospice in the Weald. These are an ideal opportunity to meet new friends catch up with old ones over coffee, see the garden, be amused by the alpacas, raise money for a great cause and buy organic fruit, veg, as well as jams preserves bread, cakes and plants.

The markets are from 9.30 to 10.30 at Underriver House on the following Saturdays

- * **7 and 21 June**
- * **5 and 19 July**
- * **2 and 16 August**

Christmas Market 6th December 9.30 to 11 at Underriver House



Underriver Village

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Underriver Village Association membership £10 per household per annum.

Pilates Classes

Mondays 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm
Tuesday 9:30 am

Contact: Zoe George 07950 494 335

Zumba Fitness

Thursdays 8:00 pm £5 a time.
The Latin-inspired-easy-to follow-calorie-burning, dance-fitness party, feel the music and let loose!

Contact: Hattie Kildahl 07795 514772

Underriver Under Fives

Mondays Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00-3:00 pm
Breakfast Club 8:20-9:00 am

Contact:
Tracy 01892 533471 : 0774662610
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BOOT CAMP

Fast paced circuit based workout
Every Tuesday 7.30pm

Contact: Charles on 07759479179 or find us
on www.facebook.com/CharlesCrouchBootcamp

THE ANNUAL UNDERRIVER QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th March 2014 in the Village Hall

Teams of 6 - 8 people

Tickets now available at £12.50 per head to include
a one-course fork supper

BYO drinks

To enter a team please contact Robert Talbot a.s.a.p.

on: uvasecretary@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 761546

This year we welcome our new Quizmaster Lucy Hatley, who will test us on our all-round knowledge.

UNDERRIVER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW—MARCH 29th 2014



At last it looks as if the weather is improving and there are lots of spring flowers out this year so please come to the **Spring Show on March 29th** and enter a few classes we would love to see some new contenders for the cups. Don't be intimidated by the different varieties, just enter the classes you think and ask when you come on the day.

Schedules are in the Magazine or on the Village Website and there will be coffee and cakes at 11.15 when the judging is finished.

PERSONAL STORIES FROM THE GREAT WAR

If any reader has an interesting story of an antecedent who served in the Great War - either one of the Fallen or a survivor - I would be pleased to hear about him - or her! It is said that almost every family knew of a relative who served.

I know of at least three members of our parish who could contribute - say a short article of about three hundred words ; I would then seek to publish their stories in the Underriver Newsheet, one in each issue over succeeding months.

Tim Tawney email: tjtawney@talktalk.net
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EVENTS

Underriver Village Community Forum

Got something to say? Sign up, Sign in and Say it in the Underriver village forum. You can raise issues, praise / criticise, publicise your organisation, mention your event, chat about the village, etc. Click on www.SevenoaksForum.com or Google 'Underriver Forum' and see what others are talking about. Any questions about the forum, please contact John Hubbard 01732 808 330 or info@Otford.net.

THURSDAY UNDERRIVER GROUP

There was a very good turnout for our open lunch meeting, and there were a few new faces which was lovely. After the usual excellent meal [puddings to die for!], John Ray a former head master of a Tonbridge Secondary School, gave a delightful and often very funny account of the changing role of women since the 17th century. One interesting observation he made was that probably women might have got the Vote sooner if the Suffragettes had not been quite so aggressive, food for thought! With education and relief from constant child bearing, certainly life has become better in many ways, but freedom also brings responsibility.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th of March, an evening and open meeting when the speaker will be Julia Quenzier, the B.B.C. court artist, will talk to us about her experiences , should be fascinating .

Fionna Brooks

COUNTRY NOTES

We occasionally see a Kingfisher flitting over our pond while hunting for small fish, but they will also take tadpoles, small amphibians and aquatic insects. I am surprised that we have a good habitat for Kingfishers as they nest in sandy burrows in stream banks about 0.5m above the water level. They



choose a spot where there is little vegetation in order to protect themselves from predators and make tunnels 60-90cm long with no bedding. They have 2-3 broods of about six eggs with the first at the end of March and as soon as the chicks have fledged at around 4 weeks they are pushed out of the territory which is about 1km of river bed and between 3-5km in distance.

Only one quarter of youngsters survive to breed and only one quarter of adults survive to breed for more than one year. The biggest threats to Kingfishers are pollution in rivers, cats and rats with a severe winter killing a high percentage of the birds.

I would love to hear if anyone else in the village sees a Kingfisher. Although they are quite secretive, fly very swiftly and live by ponds and streams, the flash of blue is unmistakable. Maybe between us all we have enough suitable habitat to mean they have a reasonable stronghold.

Felicity Weston