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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 3 December @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre

The January Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th @ 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. There is also a 15-minute period allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton Drive.

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Assistant Clerk is Clare Wilsdon.

The Council Office, above the library, is normally open from:

9.30am – 3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

Telephone: 821 339 : Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

OBITUARY

Margaret Kimber

I wish to thank all the friends and neighbours for their cards and best wishes following the loss of my sister Margaret, and also for the donations to the Injured Jockeys Fund.

Thanks also to Jonathon Cole and his team for the funeral arrangements, Jason Ankers for the lovely Service also the Smugglers Retreat and staff for looking after all our friends following the Service

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VILLAGE VOICES

What a great weekend the Choir had on 2nd and 3rd November. We started off on the Saturday with a combined Charity Concert organised by the Thanet Lions, in St Mary's Church, singing both with and alongside the Thanet Male Voice Choir. The church was packed!! Wow, what a wonderful turn out in such horrible weather. Thank you to everyone who came and supported both us and the TMVC.

It is hoped we will shortly have video copies of the Concert available on DVD, if anyone should want one, these will be on sale at the very reasonable cost of just £1.50, all of which will go into the choir's funds. To obtain your copy please contact Ray (Mr.O) on 07914 623 287 or email pr@villagevoiceschoir.org.uk.

The event's final total has still to be disclosed but it is expected to be around £2,000 meaning that the Minster Matters Mobility Scheme will benefit from a donation of £700, whilst St Mary's Church will also benefit from a donation of £250. *(The team at Minster Matters would like to thank the Thanet Lions for both organising the concert and for including us as a beneficiary).*

Sunday 3rd, a much better day weather wise, saw us boarding a superb Kingsferry coach at 9am *(which was kindly sponsored by Paul & Martin at B.A.R., Demis & Mickey at Drink Warehouse UK Ltd and GTI Export Consultants)* to take us to the ExCel Centre in London for our BGT audition, what an amazing day we had. We entertained our coach driver, Paul, on the way, having two or three run throughs of our two chosen songs, George Ezra's 'Paradise' and Mama Cass Elliot's 'Make Your Own Kind of Music'. Later we amazed our fellow opponents by singing 'Paradise' a cappella a couple of times, whilst we awaited our 15 minutes of fame!!

Debbie was amazing, as usual, giving the BGT Crew a complete run down on our background and conducting us in her very enthusiastic manner. We were even allowed to sing both of our songs, so we now await news, in Dec/Jan, as to whether we will progress to the next round, fingers crossed everyone!!

If you'd like to see us in action before Christmas then we will be singing at the **Birchington Christmas Fair on Sunday 8th December**, in Church following the **Community Carols at the Lych Gate on the evening of Tuesday 17th** and during the afternoon at the **'Christmas Wonderland' at the Old Vicarage in St Mildred's Road on the 22nd**.

If you'd like to join our choir, we'd love to welcome you at any of our practice evenings, 6pm on a Wednesday at the Salvation Army Hall in Tothill St, just £1.50pw. If you'd like to book us for an event please email pr@villagevoiceschoir.org.uk or phone/text 07914 623 287 www.villagevoiceschoir.org.uk

BREAKING NEWS FROM A THANET LIONS SPOKESPERSON

Following reconciliation of the Charity Concert income, Thanet Lions will donate £250 to St Mary's Church and £1,000 to the Minster Mobility Scheme. A further donation will be made to the Monkton Nature Reserve Shed Project at a later date, after consultation with the Trustees.

Another Charity Concert for Village Voices singing with TMVC is being planned for September 2020 so watch out for that especially if you missed it this year

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL – SUMMARY OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported that a number of crimes had taken place in our area over the last month. The offences included theft from the collection box at the church, a burglary in the High Street, theft of a motor cycle in Tothill Street and two offences of fraud. In one of the cases of fraud the resident kept the caller on the line for some time in an effort to catch the suspect, but the operation was terminated in the interests of safety.

There were no County Councillors present at the meeting and only one District Councillor, Trevor Roper, who was welcomed to the meeting. He spoke of the changes of leadership at Thanet District Council. He then explained that he is a member of the working party seeking to identify possible sites for travellers in Thanet, both temporary and permanent. The working party was meeting the following day and would be preparing their report which would be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which will meet on 19th November. He confirmed that a pre-application meeting had been held in relation to the site at Minster Services but this is unlikely to be deemed suitable.

Cllr. Roper said that a decision about Manston Raceway should be made by Christmas and in the interim TDC had stopped the work being carried out on site.

The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped to organise the recent Firework display, and expressed her gratitude for the generosity of those attending. A collection had been carried out to provide money towards the Christmas lights in the village, and for the Scouts, which totalled an amazing £448. Many thanks to everyone.

The Chairman had attended a number of meetings lately; the most relevant points were that plans are on track to re-open Manston Airport in 2022, TDC has a budget gap of £1.3m to £1.4m and Thanet Community Land Trust are working to provide affordable housing for rent and sale in Thanet.

Finally, she thanked those who had provided the poppy display in the village.

Maura Pell introduced herself as the Local Footpath Officer for Minster, Monkton, Cliffsend and Manston and explained that she works to support KCC and The Ramblers to maintain local footpaths. She is preparing an article for Minster Matters to set out the work being carried out and providing contacts for reporting any issues relating to footpaths.

After protracted negotiations an agreement has been reached for TDC to transfer ownership of the two car parks and the public toilets to the parish council at a cost of £100 each. This takes into account the existing maintenance costs to TDC and the current state of repair. However, the legal and valuation costs must be paid by the parish council and these are likely to amount to £10,000. However, this is a worthwhile cost to keep our car parks free and our public toilets open.

The Chairman updated the meeting on the plans to celebrate VE Day on 8th May next year. The Picnic in the Park will have musical entertainment, a bar, a children's entertainer and we will join in the national plans to celebrate this anniversary. The meeting agreed to fund the event to a maximum of £2,000.

Cllr. Sharp has volunteered to take responsibility for planting and maintaining the flower and shrub beds in the village, and will seek a small group of volunteers to help her. She has already cleared the area around the flag pole as well as the planters outside the butcher's shop. She plans to work on the grass area at the junction of Rose Gardens and also Foxborough Lane, as well as pruning the tress in the orchard in the recreation ground. Councillors welcomed this offer and agreed to allocate a small budget to cover the cost of plants.

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The Chairman presented a draft leaflet with the proposal that it be placed on vehicles parked illegally or inconsiderately in and around the village. Councillors provided some suggestions and ideas to improve it and the Chairman agreed to amend the leaflet and bring it back to a future meeting.

In the public question period, there was praise for the firework display but criticism of the decision to give some of the donated monies to the Scouts. The Chairman explained that if the collections are to continue different local good causes could be nominated each year.

Concern was voiced for the lack of County and District Councillors attending the parish council meeting. The Chairman agreed that she was also disappointed and hoped that the situation would improve in the future.

Some discussion took place about traveller encampments and the news that there had been an illegal encampment in Betteshanger Park.

Cllr and Mrs Quittenden were thanked for the work they had carried out on the sheep dip in Bedlam Court Lane.

Highways Questionnaire

Cllr. Quittenden thanked everyone who had returned the Highways questionnaire circulated in the last issue of Minster Matters. 181 questionnaires were returned which is approximately 10% of those distributed. They have all been read and recorded, and will be presented to the Highways Committee. We will then consult with KCC Highways and report back with conclusions and recommendations.

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT ... HOLD ON, IS THAT THE MINSTER BASED VILLAGE VOICES?

Ever wondered what the best thing is for a hang-over the morning after the best Minster W.I Octoberfest Party EVER (thank you ladies)? How about a trip to London to perform at Britain's Got Talent, a sobering thought!

Why BGT? Well, to simplify the introduction given by our illustrious leader, Debbie, to the film director on the day; Our choir is a community of individuals, each with our different backgrounds and personalities brought together by chance, to spend our time every week and sing for the love we have of music. Well, it was the second round !

I would go on to add that it is therapeutic to belt out a tune, but the surprise is this; Village Voices has over 60 members since forming in January and collectively can hold a melody and even harmonise together. Where did this talent come from?

On this point I am sure we would all agree that the credit goes to Debbie, who is a real super-trouper by the way, for inspiring enthusiasm for this in our community, because there is a real sense of 'esprit de corps' in our coming together, and a strong regard for the group and its contribution which is becoming more evident with the increase in charitable performances.

So, apart from clearing my head, perhaps the trip to audition for BGT was more than an outing to London for the experience of it, perhaps deep down we believe that our choir has a chance!?

We will have to wait until February to know for sure, but regardless of the outcome, for all at Village Voices... "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." Leo Buscaglia.

Marc Eaton-Brown

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our Patients and Friends for their generosity and kindness in donating so many prizes for our raffle and tombola that was held at our Christmas Bazaar, and also, to all those who have supported us by purchasing raffle tickets and making such a wonderful selection of cakes. You can keep an eye on how our fund raising is going by checking out our notice board in the waiting room. In the meantime, we are also looking to purchase a new 'Examination Couch' with automatic controls, for Dr Crosfield's consulting room, we will publish further details later.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the Surgery's open/closed arrangements over the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve 24 December - AM Normal opening hours - PM Emergencies Only

Christmas Day 25 December - Closed all day

Boxing Day 26 December - Closed all day

Friday 27, Monday 30, Tuesday 31 December - Normal opening hours

Wednesday 1 January - Closed all day

Thursday 2 January onwards - Normal opening hours

Should you need to see a doctor during times when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct, on 111 where you will receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases, please dial 999 as normal.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you throughout the holiday period and that all 'Repeat Prescription' requests are submitted in good time to allow for the increased demand, both at the surgery and at the various pharmacy's, and remember to check your local pharmacy's opening times as well. Also ensure that if your prescription is due during the holiday period or if you are going away, check that it will be available for collection in advance before Christmas.

Obviously, we appreciate that "urgent" prescriptions may still be needed at any time.

Also, if your 'MEDICATION REVIEW' is due during this period please ensure you make an appointment in good time, to avoid further unnecessary delays.

If you have any concerns please contact the surgery direct on 821333

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

25 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment, a big improvement thank you, however 51 did not attend their nurse's appointment, many of which were for flu vaccinations, unbelievable. So that's still 76 missed and wasted appointments and a further £12,000 of wasted NHS funds. So, a plea to all our patients throughout the villages and surrounding areas, next year if you don't need it, please cancel it, it's so easy, by phone, text, or online.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Ken Self on 821 200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049 or email kenself@me.com.

PCSO's REPORT

It's December and the nights are drawing in. I firstly need to let you know that we have recently had a spate of thefts from motor vehicles where persons had walked along the roads and into drives trying car door handles to find any that were open. It has come to light that quite a few vehicles had been accessed and a number of items stolen. If you have had items stolen from your vehicle in recent weeks please report it on 101 to the police as we have in our possession a quantity of property and no victims to link it to.

Please remember to make sure your vehicle is secure when leaving it out overnight and do not leave anything of value in it. Do not rely on your remote control to lock the doors. Physically check the doors and boot before leaving your vehicle unattended.

Be very mindful coming up to Christmas about what items you put out for the dustman you do not want any potential burglars to know what new items of value you may have in the house. Also, on another note if you are about in these dark evenings take a light with you and make sure you and any children are wearing suitable clothing to be warm and be seen.

I have seen a lot of people reporting incidents and commenting on social media. Please report it to the Police first before posting any comments so we have a record and can try and deal with it. 999 for emergencies and 101 for all other calls.

It just leaves me now to wish everyone in the village a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MINSTER W.I.

Our Annual Meeting is held every November and we elect the new committee and President. Many thanks to our out-going President, Morven Hammond, for seeing Minster WI through this year. Our new President for 2020 is Liz Shervington. Whilst the new committee had a quick meeting, members enjoyed cheese and wine.

Dates for the diary

10th December, Christmas Party - members only

14th January, African Drumming - all welcome

We always like to see new members so if you would like to come along but want more details please contact Liz on 07968 473 689.

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month starting at 7.30pm in Minster Village Hall.

W.I. OKTOBERFEST

A foot stomping time was had by all at the Minster- in -Thanet WI's first Oktoberfest!

A huge 'Thank You' to The Bettesteiner Footstompers, a wonderful band of 5 musicians who ensured a fantastic time was had by all!

Attendees from all over the village and as far afield as Bath and Antigua, sang, danced and got into the spirit of the event by dressing up in Lederhosen!

'Special Thanks' must be extended to The Hair of the Dog for keeping the proceedings lubricated and to Cliffe's, our village Butchers for supplying the sausages!

If you didn't manage to come this year, keep your eyes peeled for our next Oktoberfest as you won't want to miss out again!

TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPORT

On the 8th November a coach full of Minster residents left to travel to Tunbridge Wells where we were booked to see the Art and Garfunkel story at the Assembly Hall Theatre. After some time to look around the town we arrived at the theatre where we enjoyed two hours of brilliant entertainment. In fact, it was difficult to believe it wasn't the real duo. We have our secretary Carol to thank for organising such a good day out.

On Sunday 10th November, nine of our French friends from Armbouts-Cappel came to join us at the Remembrance Service in Minster Church. After the service they joined us at the cemetery to lay wreaths at the War Memorial. We then moved on to the Royal British Legion where we enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and a delicious buffet before they had leave to get their ferry back to France.

On the following day the 11th November, nine members of our committee travelled over to Armbouts-Cappel to join our French friends for their Remembrance Day Service and to lay wreaths with the villagers (we laid wreaths from the Twinning, the Parish Council and Minster Carnival Court). It is interesting that the French always have their day on the 11th November as opposed to our day being the nearest Sunday to the 11th.

After the wreath laying there was a speech by the Mayor and then local children read various passages about the Remembrance. The town band then played 'La Marseillaise' and we all moved over to the village hall where a reception was held and we were able to meet with all the members of their Twinning Association.

We then had the privilege of being invited to join the Mayor and dignitaries of the village to lunch at a local hotel, which as the French tend to be very leisurely over meals, it was then time for us to make our way back to the port for the ferry home.

All of our committee would like to thank the Mayor and their Twinning Association for their wonderful hospitality.

Now back in the UK we are well into planning our Christmas event, where we will be entertaining fourteen members and partners of the French Twinning Association to a typical English Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. We are planning various events throughout the day with a few surprises as well.

Our next quiz will be held on the 22nd February at the Royal British Legion. If you would like to challenge the brains of the village then book a table with Carol on 07745 683 466. Finally, whilst in France the Armbouts-Cappel Cycling Club said they would like to come across and meet up with a local cycling club to perhaps take part in some sort of cycle competition. If you are interested in or know a club who would be please contact Roy on 01843 319 791.

MINSTER CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Unfortunately, due to conflicting commitments of the organisers and rising costs, the festival will not be going ahead this year.

A big thank you to the local community for supporting this event and we are very sad to be unable to continue.

MINSTER AND MONKTON GARDENING CLUB

(Formerly M&M HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

At the recent AGM of the Horticultural Society it was decided, by a member's vote, to streamline the Society, it will now be known as the Minster and Monkton Gardening Club. The financial year will begin in February and subscriptions, which will remain at £5, will be payable then.

There will be no committee as such but the Club will be organised by a small group of members who will arrange the programme for the year, outings, speakers etc. There will be no large shows, but instead 'Member's Shows' which will be held at some of the usual monthly meetings.

The Club will meet at 2.30pm in February, March, April, September, October and November and at 7.30pm in May, June, July, August and the December Christmas Meeting. All meetings will be held in Minster Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month, barring January when there is no meeting.

A programme will be published in Minster Matters as soon as it has been arranged.

Any queries please direct them to Mrs. Joan Card on 01843 821 216.

New members are always welcome but if you only wish to attend as a visitor the cost for this will be £1 per meeting.

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday 18 December for the members Christmas Social.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30 November 9am to 1pm

Seasonal Bargains, Handicrafts, Tombola's, Grand Raffle, Coffee and Mince Pies

ST NICHOLAS with SARRE VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30 November, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Santa Claus, Cakes, Tombola, Grand Raffle, Toys and Books, Cards and Gifts, Refreshments

MENS SUPPER CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING

Wednesday 4 December 7 for 7.30pm, Old Schools

Traditional Christmas Dinner and Yuletide Entertainment

Phone Peter on 447 692 or 07981 184 224 to book your place

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PANTO – ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Village Hall 4th – 7th December – Evenings 7.30pm and Saturday 10.30am and 3pm

Tickets: Adults £10 and Children £5

Saturday 10.30am all seats £5 – Box Office 07501 894 381

THANET CHAMBER CHOIR

If Ye Would Hear The Angels Sing – St Nicholas at Wade Church

7pm Saturday 7 December – Tickets £10 in advance – £12 on the door – full time students £3 Telephone: 01304 362 497

CHRISTMAS IN MONKTON

Christmas tree festival at St Mary Magdalene church from Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December then daily from 5.30 – 7pm until Christmas.

Includes Monkton's Christmas Window Trail from 1st December

At the Church: Seasonal Refreshments and Coffee : Saturday Soup Kitchen open from 12 noon to 6pm on Saturday 7 December (Supporting Porchlight) : Amazing Quilt Raffle : Festive Music : Nativity Scenes and the Fabulous New Church Lighting

There is also full disabled access and toilet facilities

LIVE NATIVITY PLAY AT MINSTER ABBEY

Wednesday 11 December 1.30pm – come dressed for the part

SNOWDOWN COLLIERY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Minster Village Hall Sunday 15 December at 2.15pm in aid of Pilgrims Hospice
Come along and sing your favourite Carols. Admission £4, children free

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

At the Old Vicarage, St Mildreds Road from 3pm on Sunday 22 December
A fantastic fun filled family afternoon of festive delights, Christmas Fayre, Raffle, Tombola, Nativity Scene, Santa and his Reindeer, hot food, licensed bar, music throughout the afternoon from Village Voices and later for the evening, once the youngsters have left, The Decades. This event is supporting Louie's Helping Hands

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH TRASH & TREASURE

Saturday 15 February 9am to 12 noon

TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT

Royal British Legion Club Saturday 22 February 7.30 for 8pm - £6 entry including food maximum of 8 per team – pre booking essential call Carol on 07745 683 466

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB - 61 Augustine Road

BINGO EVENINGS - Every Tuesday at 7.30pm - All members welcome

AFTERNOON CLUB - Every Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of bingo - All members and bona-fide guests welcome

VILLAGE VOICES

Every Wednesday evening - 6.00pm 'til 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Tothill St.
 £1.50 per session - All welcome, if you enjoy singing, we'd love to see you there
 There's no need to be able to read music and we do not audition
 For further details ring 07864 345 019 or find us at villagevoiceschoir.org.uk

MINSTER ART & CRAFT GROUP

We meet at the Old Schools every Monday morning from 9.00am to 12.30pm.
 We are a friendly and sociable non-teaching group ranging from artists to all types of crafters, all of whom are ready to give help and advice if requested. The charge per week is £2.00 to cover the hall and includes refreshments. You are welcome to come along for a free morning session to see what we are doing. Any queries - call Ann on 01843 821 152.

AMBER'S ADVICE

Gentleness is strength under control, it is the ability to stay calm, no matter what happens.

TIGER'S TIP

(For the little ones) Track Santa's progress on Christmas Eve as he delivers prezzies - Free website - log into NoradSanta.org (It launches again on 1st December)

CHRISTMAS - THE GREAT GIFT OF LOVE

As the evenings draw in, and the mornings become ever darker and colder, one thing remains certain; Christmas is coming, and there's no escaping it!

In the depths of winter, it is a feast and festival of colour, light, music, presents and good food.

But, of course, the Christmas 'gift above all gifts' is the gift of love.

Whether we celebrate at home or away, with family or friends or quietly, with celebration and happiness, or even at times of sadness, Christmas comes as a time to give and receive love.

In one child, born in a stable, the gift of love was made plain for all to see, in human form. The Christchild, God with us.

The Christmas story will be retold in our local churches and schools, and at events here in Minster, including our village carols around the tree and the village nativity at the Abbey. And this story is a story of peace and joy and love. As the angels sang to the shepherds, peace on earth, goodwill to all people!

You are warmly invited to the services in church over Christmas, to visit once again this most ancient of stories, to come with shepherds, the wise men and the angels to Bethlehem, and to find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. In everything you enjoy, receive and share, and all the places that you go this Christmastime, may you find that great gift of love.

A very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year to you all.
 Revd Vicky Coneys, Curate, St Mary's Church, Minster.

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Father Christopher Basden - telephone 592 071

Mass daily at 9.00am and Sunday at 10.00am in Minster Abbey

Minster Abbey - The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am Midday Prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm Compline 7.50pm (followed by silent prayer)

The Salvation Army Minster Corps Church & Community Centre

Captains Luke and Katy Johnson telephone: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club Tuesdays 9.30am Sunny Tots (birth to 5yrs) (term time only) Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group
 Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

CAROL SERVICE – at the Salvation Army on Sunday 15 December – 10am for mince pies and drinks followed at 10.30 by the Service

Christmas Day Service at the Salvation Army 10.15am for refreshments followed by a Family Service

St Mary Magdalene Monkton Services in December

1	10.15am	Holy Communion
8	10.15am	Family Worship with Baptism
15	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
22	10.15am	Carols and Holy Communion
25	10.00am	Christmas Holy Communion
29	10.30pm	Service @ Minster

Services in January

5	10.15am	Holy Communion
12	10.15am	Family Worship
19	10.15am	Holy Communion
26	4.00pm	Seamark Service – new worship for all

St Mary the Virgin, Minster Services in December

Reverend Richard Braddy tel: 821 250

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| 1 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship & Gift Service |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong @ Minster Abbey |
| 8 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship with Holy Communion |
| 15 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | Lessons, Carols & Christingles |
| 22 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship with Holy Communion |
| 24 | 4.30pm | Christmas Special |
| | 11.30pm | Midnight Holy Communion |
| 25 | 10.00am | Christmas Family Communion |
| 29 | 10.30am | All-age Worship with Holy Communion |

Services in January

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| 5 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship & Gift Service |
| | 6.30pm | Sung Evensong |
| 12 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship with Holy Communion |
| 19 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship |
| 26 | 9.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All-age Worship with Holy Communion |

Funerals at St Mary's

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| 4 October | William Alfred Fuller – 93 - Thanet Crematorium
<i>(with apologies for late inclusion - Sally Willins)</i> |
| 12 November | Joyce Seath - 89 - Thanet Crematorium |

Wednesday mornings at St Mary's

10.30am - Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Holy Communion at home is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or Monkton Church telephone 821 250 or 822 428

CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

District Councillor David Hart tel: 07976 830 171

District Councillor Trevor Roper tel: 07787 860 381

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Thank you for listening - your readers this month were:-

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of
Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE

FINALLY,

A very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all of our Listeners

From Ray, Amy and the whole Minster Matters Team

We will be back to do it all again in 2020