

### Speldhurst Chapel

The chapel has now been issued with an electrical safety certificate and is available for use by church members. Mainstream ministries are able to use it free of charge but those who want to use it for more personal / social reasons are invited to make a donation. Those interested can mail or call me [revjohnp@outlook.com](mailto:revjohnp@outlook.com) or 863239.

John Perkins



Monday wisdom for our

Government

Tuesday the people of Ukraine

Wednesday the people of Russia

Thursday refugees from war

Friday those who suffer in any way, not forgetting Covid

Weekend our Christian witness in these times

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# ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SPELDHURST ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GROOMBRIDGE ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, ASHURST



## 3RD APRIL 2022

### TODAY:

10 am Communion at St Mary's

11 am Traditional Matins (BCP 1662) at St John's

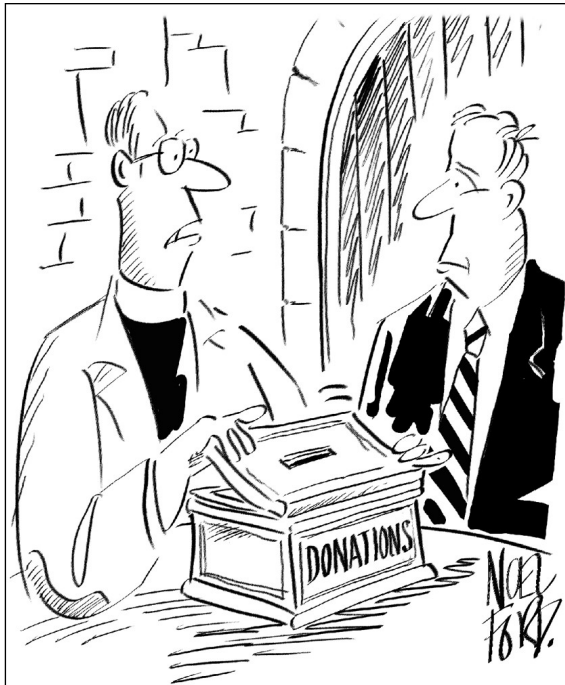
### NEXT WEEK:

#### SUNDAY 10th APRIL

10 am Online Act of Worship on You Tube: [Youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst](https://www.youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst)

10 am All-Age Worship for Palm Sunday at St Mary's

11 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) at St John's



"It comes to something when the state of the pound is such that we *hope* to find lots of foreign coins!"

### Lent Course

# LENT



For those of you who were unable to get to the Lent Course last Tuesday, you may be interested in listening to a recording on:  
[https://1drv.ms/f/s!Aqw0TyfHc63VloEG\\_ko4yZkpRXqUfA](https://1drv.ms/f/s!Aqw0TyfHc63VloEG_ko4yZkpRXqUfA)  
The evening's handouts are also available via the same link.

### A Mind of their Own

1 in 6 children aged 5 to 16 are likely to have a mental health problem.

50% of all mental health problems start by the age of 14.

5 children in a classroom of 30 are likely to have a mental health problem.

For many parents, these statistics can feel overwhelming. But we believe that, as mums and dads, you have incredible power to break this cycle and help your children grow into strong and resilient young people.

Katharine Hill is bringing *A Mind Of Their Own* to Tonbridge Baptist Church at 7.30 pm on May 24th. During this event, she'll share more in-depth practical and preventative tools that'll help you build your child's resilience to guard against anxiety and depression and you'll come away with a re-established confidence in knowing you're the best person to help your child. For more details see: [www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)

## NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

### ***New Home Groups***

I am starting a new evening home group after Easter and would love to talk to you about it if you are interested. There are also existing home groups and the possibility of other new groups.

Do contact me 07970040930 [marywren@me.com](mailto:marywren@me.com) or talk to Ian Firth or John Perkins if you want to know more.

*Mary Wren*

### ***St Mary's Electoral Roll***

#### **Electoral Roll 2022**

A revision of the Church Electoral Roll is taking place between 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022. If you have moved into the parish, joined the church or reached the age of 16 then we would love to hear from you. If you join the roll, it allows you to vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and stand for election to the PCC. It also helps the Church to show its strength.

Please complete the registration form either sent to you via email, or the paper form at the back of the church and either email it back to [helen.coffin@mother-geese.co.uk](mailto:helen.coffin@mother-geese.co.uk) or leave the form in the box provided in church.

If you are already on the Electoral Roll, then I only need to hear from you if your contact details have changed.

*Helen Coffin*

### ***Update on Covid restrictions***

At the recent Church Council meeting it was agreed to continue as we have been with not physically sharing the Peace and distributing Holy Communion by dipping the wafers in the wine. As the weather warms up the duty warden can leave an outer door open to increase ventilation. If you feel unwell or know that you have covid please do not attend church. The pandemic has not ended, cases are increasing locally and there are still vulnerable people in our community so we all need to love our neighbour by being careful.

*Douglas Wren*

### ***Church Council Secretary***

Andrea has fulfilled this role since before I came to the parish twenty years ago and she now feels that it is time to step down. We need to do two things: to say a VERY BIG THANK YOU to her for all the hard work she has done and to find someone else to take on the role from the end of April. You need to be organised, able to take minutes and do some basic admin. The Church Council meets seven times a year. Is this you? Do please have a think and pray about it and if you feel that you could contribute in this way, please have a word with me.

*Douglas Wren*



*Jane Floyd*

### ***Easter Lilies***

If you would like to sponsor a lily in church this Easter, perhaps in memory of loved ones, please put a donation in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' and leave it at the Church Office, the Rectory or the village shop. There is also a list in the church porch where you can write down names if you wish.

### ***Homes for Ukrainian Refugees***

Several families in the village have already registered their willingness to house refugees and the Church Council has decided that it would be highly beneficial for us as a church to register our interest.

- For the refugees they would know they were going to a community with other Ukrainians
  - Extended families could be homed in close proximity with one another
  - Host families would be supported by the wider church community
- If you would like to participate through St Marys, would you let me know if you
- Have already registered with the government website
  - Would like to do so now we propose working as a group
  - Cannot offer a room but could offer your support of a host family by providing lifts, occasional meals or meeting some of the other needs of our guests.
  - Can donate financially to a fund held by the church to meet the needs of either hosting families or their guests.
  - Can help me organise this – 2 heads are better than one.

Please email me on [s.tegelaars@gmail.com](mailto:s.tegelaars@gmail.com)

With thanks

*Stefanie Tegelaars*



### ***Back in the Saddle ...***

It's been a few years since I last rode a fundraiser. **Ride London** is back after covid interruptions, and I am delighted to have secured a charity place at this year's event on 29<sup>th</sup> May. It's a new 100-mile route that I will be aiming to complete in under 5 hours. I will be riding the event for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. These guys are unsung heroes in my opinion, quietly providing support & care for those dealing with cancer. There for my dad when he passed, there for Christine (Louise's mum) when she passed last year and here for Louise now, my own Chemo Warrior! They truly are angels of mercy and bring a touch of the light of heaven to the here and now when most needed.

So, if you can and you're inclined just use the link below to donate.....

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jim-scott7> because they're worth it and you will be helping to ensure someone else gets blessed with their care. I will be enormously grateful!

*Jim Scott*