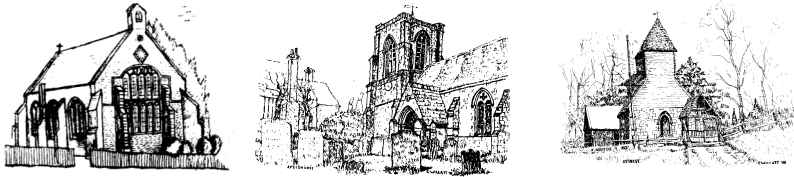


**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SPELDHURST**  
**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GROOMBRIDGE**  
**ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, ASHURST**



**SEPTEMBER 11TH 2022**

**THIS WEEK:**

- 10 am Morning Worship at St Mary's
- 11 am Traditional Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at St John's

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday 18th September**

- 10 am Online Act of Worship on You Tube: [Youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst](https://www.youtube.com/StMarysSpeldhurst)
- 10 am Communion at St Mary's
- 6 pm Traditional Evensong at St Martin's



***The Death of Queen Elizabeth***

Although expected, it comes as a great shock to learn of the death of HM the Queen, especially at such a time of great change and challenge for our country. It is with profound sadness that we join with the citizens of our own nation and with people around the

world in mourning her death and in praying for her family that God will draw near with them and comfort them. We also thank God for her incredible life of humility and service over many decades which has set such a powerful witness and example to us all. In these turbulent times we can draw strength from her words taken from a recent Christmas broadcast: *"I know how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give the best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God."*

Our churches are open during the day for anyone who wishes to spend time in prayer and books of condolence are available for anyone who wishes to leave a message. Every blessing on you all and may Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory.

John Perkins  
*(in the absence of Douglas who is currently overseas)*

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***Deanery Synod Representative***

The United Parish of St Mary's, St John's and St Martin's has 3 representatives on the Tunbridge Wells Deanery Synod which comprises representatives of all 20 Anglican Churches (14 benefices) in Tunbridge Wells and Southborough, and includes about 25 clergy members and 40 lay members. Douglas is Area Dean and chairs meetings. There are usually 3 meetings a year which include reports on the Bishop's Council, Diocesan Synod and General Synod and then an address and/or discussion about a wide range of local and national church related topics.

A vacancy has arisen, and we are seeking nominations by 2 October prior to an election (if necessary) on 9 October. The current representatives are Martin Atkinson and Peter Soyke. Please have a word with one of them, with Douglas or a Church Warden if you might be interested. The role gives ex officio membership of the DCC and the UPCC but, otherwise, does not involve any activity between the meetings.

Role descriptions for Deanery Synod, DCC and UPCC are available. Nominations should be passed to Carolyn Firth as UPCC Secretary ([carolynfirth@gmail.com](mailto:carolynfirth@gmail.com)).

*Martin Atkinson (07808 093930)*

***Wanted at St Mary's***

We are looking for people who are happy to meet and greet our congregation at our 10am Sunday services. Would you be able to arrive a little early before the service, hand out service sheets, show people where to sit, and generally make people feel welcome as they arrive to church? If you are this type of person, I would love to hear from you. Ideally there would be a rota of people to share this welcoming role. Please see me in church, or email me: [helen.coffin@mother-goose.co.uk](mailto:helen.coffin@mother-goose.co.uk)

*Helen Coffin*



***Crowborough Women's Breakfast***

The next Women's Breakfast will be on Saturday 8th October, starting at 8.30 am at Crowborough Community Centre. The speaker is Judy Acheson, and she will be talking about her life, spending 31 years in the Congo. Tickets are available from me, and cost £10 each, to include a continental breakfast.

Thank you  
 Julie Pinnell  
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"Never mind, let's just be happy that Baz came to church in the first place."