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St James the Great, Staple



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October - Vanessa

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The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin

(Excerpts from sermon on 29th August 2021)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 / James 1:17 / Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

In our Old Testament reading we are reminded of the need to pay serious attention to the commandments that God has given to us. And if by chance we were to say that we do not remember, or we don't recall, or we have a bad memory, then we might actually look to the words of Jesus when he was speaking to the young teacher, he summarised the commandments by saying: "The most important one is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'love your neighbour as yourself.'

In our Epistle reading from James, we are reminded of God's generosity – all good gifts around us come from God. This is the start of the pattern that we are to follow. So how should we engage with this? James tells us we must be ready always to listen. Do you get a sense sometimes when you are talking to someone that before you have even finished your sentence, they are trying to get in. Or someone asks you how you are, and before you have even opened your mouth to respond to them, they've walked away, they're long gone. It means they're not really wanting to hear how you are. They don't want to listen. We need to learn to listen. And to listen well.

James asks of us that we should be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to anger. He asks that we should not just be hearers of the word but that we should be doers. That is the challenge for us – to practise the word of God in our daily living. Be doers of the word and not merely hearers. I am sure you have heard the saying – 'word is cheap' but can we 'walk the talk'? That is the challenge. Those of us who pride themselves as being deeply religious or spiritual – this is what James have to say about that - "If anyone think they are religious, then you need to bridle your tongue. If anyone think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

So, clearly, we are being told what it is that is of most importance is how we live out that which we say we believe. We are all guilty of getting involved in careless and sometimes meaningless, unkind conversations. You and I must always be ready to consciously recognise that we are God's children and as such, we must behave like God's children. In our confessional prayer, we have time to reflect since we last prayed not only on what we did, but on what we have thought as well as said and the things too, that we have left undone, to bring them before God. Our failure to do this, leaves us in a place where we behave in a petty like manner, thin skinned or worst yet, where we deliberately demean and disrespect others. We prop ourselves up in a self-righteous manner thinking we are wonderful Christians, when what we do, we are not thinking about what it is that God requires of us. When we behave in that manner, we're no more than those who brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus and said 'our law says 'Let's stone her.' But what about the law of love? Notice how like the Pharisees & Scribes, we like to point the finger at others pointing out what they are doing wrong. But Jesus speaks to us today and he asks us, what is important? He asks us 'why we condemn others?', why are we always ready to speak negatively about others. So, they have not kept to the tradition as known – so what?

Jesus in our Gospel, from Mark's Gospel, says: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, they teach human precepts as doctrines. There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile.' And so, from this we are told it is the things that comes from within us, from the human heart. The evil intentions that comes to us, that is what defiles us, that is what spoils us as God's children. Damages us.

So, my sisters and brothers, let us pause and ask what is lifegiving for us as the people of God – yes, to follow the commandments to love God, with our whole being and our neighbours as ourselves. What is life giving? Is to live generously after the pattern of God's generosity and to learn to speak less and listen more; to be doers of the words and not hearers only. What is life giving? It is to remember that it is what is within us our own evil intentions that damages or spoils God's goodness in us. So today, let us recommit ourselves to follow the commandment of love. To listen well to each other and to remember that it is not the things that are around us or outside of us but the thoughts that are generated within that damages the image of God within us.

Amen.

St James the Great, Staple: Services for September 2021

Everyone is very welcome at all services – please do come along and join us.
 If you need further information, please contact Vanessa (812515) or Trevor (813492)
 Details of services in other benefice churches can be found at www.ewbchurches.org.uk

Sunday 5 September	14th Sunday after Trinity	
STAPLE	10.00 a.m.	Said Holy Communion
Woodnesborough	10.00 a.m.	Family Service
Eastry	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 September	15th Sunday after Trinity	
STAPLE	No Service	
Woodnesborough	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Eastry	10.00 a.m.	Come and Worship
Sunday 19 September	16th Sunday after Trinity	
STAPLE	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Eastry	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 September	Harvest Thanksgiving	
STAPLE	10.00 a.m.	Family Service - Harvest
Woodnesborough	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Northbourne	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 October	Sunday after Trinity	
STAPLE	10.00 a.m.	Said Holy Communion
Woodnesborough	10.00 a.m.	Family Service
Eastry	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Church Rota

Date	Sidesman	Readers	Prayers	Bells	Vergers	Coffee
5 Sept	Mick	Roger	Priest	Tbc	Andy	n/a
12 Sept	No Service in Staple					
19 Sept	Pat	Andy, Sue	Pat	Tbc	Sue	Pat & Trevor
26 Sept	Mick	Pip, Mags	Vanessa	Tbc	Trevor	Annette & Andy
3 Oct	Keith	Kate	Priest	Tbc	Vanessa	

Flower Rota



Sunday 5 September	Ursula
Sunday 19 September	Ann
Sunday 26 September	All Arrangers (Harvest)
Sunday 3 October	Vanessa



*If anyone would like to join the flower rota,
 please let one of the Churchwardens know*

Private Prayer in the Church

The Church building is open every day for private prayer from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
 Face masks are no longer compulsory in Church but please show consideration for others, use the sanitizer provided and maintain social distancing.
 Thank you!

ZOOM SERVICES

The benefice will continue to stream one service from a benefice Church at 10 each Sunday morning using Zoom.
 You can join a service by following this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7360055669?pwd=UEVwSzJQSlYvTHNtVnBLK2VNTzliZz09>

St James the Great, Staple

Harvest Service

A Family Service to celebrate harvest will be held in the Church on

Sunday 26 September at 10 a.m.

All Welcome

Please bring your harvest gifts to be donated to local food banks



HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 3 October

(Please note this is on a different day to the service this year)

**12.30 FOR 1.00 P.M
STAPLE VILLAGE HALL**

Menu

Homemade Vegetable Soup

Cold meats, quiche and various salads

Range of homemade desserts

Tea, coffee and mints

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

There will be a raffle in aid of Church Funds

Tickets - £12.50 (Children aged 11 and under – Free)

Available from Vanessa Nedderman 01304 812515 and Trevor Bartlett 01304 813492

All proceeds will go towards Church Funds

Around and about in Staple and Shatterling

Do you have a story to share? We would love to hear from you - new neighbours, new arrivals, get well wishes - please send details to theEscallop@gmail.com

A very warm welcome this month to Sue Lyndsell who has moved from Elmstead, Essex to set up home at School Cottage, School Lane.

We would also like to welcome Judith and David Copper from Westham, East Sussex near Eastbourne. They have moved into Rookery Cottage, Durlock Road, both are recently retired teachers and they both love running, cycling and gardening. They have both run marathons and triathlons raising money for charity. Judith's brother, Paul Shaw lives in the village, so they are looking forward to seeing more of each other.

We hope you have all started to settle into your new homes and that we soon see you all out and about in the village.

Many Congratulations to two neighbouring businesses that have both won awards in Wingham on 4th August.

Kerry and Ray from the newsagent won the Jack Jolly trophy for their genuine friendly efficiency and their ability to adopt to the situation during the pandemic to support and provide for the community. Maintaining newspaper delivering throughout and especially to residents in Staple.

The KALC Community award was presented to Michelle and Kevin Abbott and the whole Anchor team for consistently giving support to the community during the pandemic through their take-away/home delivery service, online quizzes and covid safe outdoor environment to help give everyone a much-needed sense of normality.

Many Congratulations to you all from all of us in Staple, very well deserved.

During lockdown, Pip Russell of Buckland Lane was blessed with two granddaughters, one from her son, Oliver (Alexandra Catherine, now aged one year) and one from her daughter, Juliet (Annabelle Rose, just a month old). Massive congratulations to Juliet and Oliver. In Pip's 75th year, the arrival of these children has brought immeasurable joy to her and to her families and to husband Chris and his families. They now have in total - 9 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Many Congratulations to you all and a very Happy Birthday to Pip on 26th September.

We are pleased to hear and see that Kate Newcombe is getting better following her recent operation, we hope she continues to make good progress and that we could even see her running through the village!

Debby Chapman is also recovering from her recent operation, and we hope she is feeling much better. At the time of writing this article, Chris Chapman is waiting to go into hospital for his operation on his knee, we hope all goes well - 3rd time lucky.

We are pleased to see that Darren Sales has recovered following his accident and that Mike Sterba is also much better after not being too well.

We are also so pleased to see that Doris Newman is feeling better after her recent operation.

A very Happy 80th Birthday to Gerald Jordan who will be celebrating his special day on Friday 3rd September.

There have been lots of families celebrating A level results last month we would like to say many Congratulations to you all.

Paddy Holden achieved distinction A+ Diploma in Media Production and Alicia Hunt achieved fantastic A level results as a choral scholar at Sherborne School, she will now be off to Royal Holloway to study music.

Izzy Brooman achieved an ABB in Maths, Physics and Geography and will be off to Fleetwood for an officer Cadetship.

Congratulations to all students with their GCSEs results as well. Lots of proud parents.

We are sorry to hear that Alison Craik has not been too well lately and we hope she soon starts to feel better and that we see her out and about again.

Painting for Pleasure - a small art group including residents from Staple who enjoy drawing and painting, using whatever medium is their preference. They meet on a Monday afternoon at Woodnesborough Village Hall from 1.45pm until 4.00pm and have a tea break halfway through. They will be recommencing sessions on Monday 6th September, and they would love to welcome some new members, so just come along or if you would like further information, telephone Diane on 01304 617264.

76th Annual East Kent Ploughing Match and Show will be going ahead this year on Wednesday 29th September, by kind permission of the Ledger Family at Upper Venson Farm, Eastry CT13 OJH. Entry £7.50 per person, children free. Event begins 9.00am. Visit www.ekpma.co.uk

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd - 5th June 2022

Can you help organise a celebration event in Staple?

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June this year regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2022, would you be interested in volunteering to form a planning committee to make the arrangements for an event in the village?

If you have ideas and/or would like to help organise an event, please contact me with your name and contact details:- Email - trevorbartlett1@outlook.com or phone/text 07980 300084.



Appointment of a new Rector - Progress report

As you will know, Staple is currently without a rector following the departure of Rev David Ridley. Churchwardens across the benefice have been working hard on the benefice profile which needs to be produced before the post of rector can be advertised. The profile, which provides potential applicants with information about the benefice and the local area, has now been drafted and will be considered by all the PCCs in the benefice during September. If this is agreed, we hope to be ready to advertise by the beginning of October.



Staple Church Afternoon Tea – Sunday 22nd August



Staple woke to lightning and thunderstorms on Sunday 22nd August and unfortunately the forecast for the day was rain, however after 18 months of not putting on a fundraising event, nothing was going to stop us!!

The team had arranged to meet just after 12.00 and at that point the rain had actually stopped so we all started to set up the church gardens, ready for the afternoon, so tables and chairs were brought out from the church and soon the homemade scones and mouth-watering cakes were arranged on the cake stands.

We had just about finished putting everything together, including putting the bunting up and with the final touches of flowers on the tables, we were ready to welcome our guests.

2.00pm arrived and soon after so did the rain unfortunately. However, residents, family and friends were not deterred and during the afternoon we had just over eighty visitors and we were all delighted that it did towards the end of the event, stop raining.

It was so lovely to see so many people support the event, the fundraising team were amazing putting the event on. We had the usual raffle run by Doris and Dave which had obviously been missed as Doris said she had never seen so many tickets being bought, and the basket of tickets was full. We had lots of winners as we had lots of great prizes so thank you to everyone who kindly donated one.

Pip ran Bowling for the Pig, which was won by new residents to Staple, David Cooper and runner up was his wife, Judith. Christian Tomlin ran Play Your Cards, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.



We also made a presentation of a thank you gift to Mervyn Laker at the end of the afternoon for his hard work and dedication in keeping the churchyard looking so smart, clean and tidy. It is so very kind of you, Mervyn and is very much appreciated by us all.

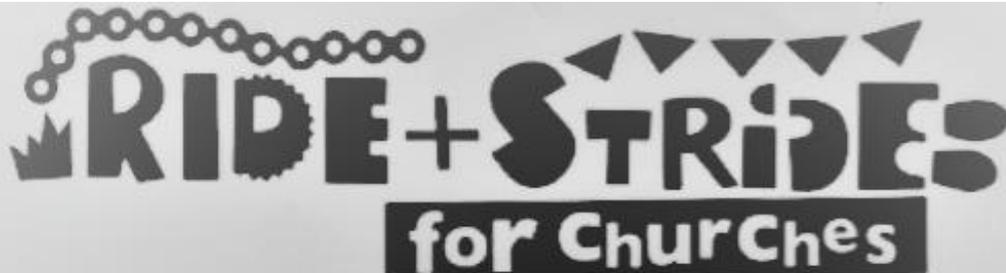
Thank you all for your support, it was so lovely to see you all and we raised the magnificent sum of **£705.00** for church funds.

RIDE + STRIDE – Saturday 11th September 2021

The annual Ride + Stride is here again!! Please consider taking part and raising money for the Church, as Trevor Bartlett can testify. it's a wonderful opportunity to raise some money while visiting our beautiful and sometimes, unusual churches...usually met with a biscuit, drink and, of course, a smile!!

Last year, an incredible **£133,879.89** was raised.

If you want to get involved, please contact Ursula Timpson on 07821 885785.



FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 11 September 2021

10.00 am to 6.00 pm

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The Ash Society

As with so many organisations it has been a long time since we were first able to meet (February 2020).

However, circumstances permitting, we intend to be back in action from **October 21st** (Peter Ewart speaks on '**Smuggling in Kent**') at **7:30 pm in Ash Village Hall**, Queen's Road, Ash.

Because of the difficult times we have recently experienced, the Committee realises there may be some reluctance to start 'gathering together' – on the other hand, perhaps you can't wait! – but be assured, we will do all we can to keep you safe. There is room to space out the seating and if you are happier wearing a mask, that is absolutely fine. Please 'give it a go'.

Subscriptions paid in January 2020 have been carried forward, so paid up members have free entry. Non-members are very welcome at a charge of £2 per talk.

We have booked some interesting speakers including return visits from Imogen Corrigan and Melanie Gibson-Barton, plus the History of Cheese (with tastings!).

The Committee looks forward to welcoming you in October to start the Winter season.

Nina Vallack (Chair)



Sandwich Local History Society

Programme for 2021/2022

Thursdays at 19.30, usually in the Jury Room, Sandwich Guildhall.

Covid precautions, such as masks, may apply. Please keep checking for updates on our website: www.sandwichlocalhistorysociety.org.uk

9th September 2021 - Dr Andrew Richardson - 'Metal detectorists vs. Archaeologists'

14th October 2021 - Prof John Butler - 'The Quest for Becket's bones: St Thomas of Canterbury and the enduring appeal of holy relics'.

11th November 2021 - *The joint Annual Lecture of SLHS and Sandwich Guildhall Museum* - Professor Paul Bennett, lately Director of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust. 'Canterbury's medieval Buttermarket, its buildings and people'.

Dates for your diaries next year....

13th January 2022 - AGM, and Nick Woodland 'The history of Stonar lake'

10th February 2022 - Dr Emma Hanna, UKC, -- 'The Sounds of War'

10th March 2022 - Jon Iveson, Director Dover Museum, -- 'Dover Castle - even more secrets revealed'

14th April 2022 - Colin Varrall ---'Richborough, its extraordinary historic importance'

12th May 2022 - Dr Cressida Williams, Canterbury Cathedral Archivist, --- 'Unlocking the archives of Canterbury Cathedral'



STAPLE BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



*Meeting at the **Black Pig**, Barnsole Road, Staple on the second Thursday of each month. We welcome new members. You do not have to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member, only have the aims and objects of The Legion at heart: Comradeship, Welfare, Representation and Remembrance. Please contact the Secretary, for more details by email at: TRBLStaplesec@btinternet.com or just turn up for a meeting – watch *The Escallop* for special events. Do have a look at our website on: <https://rblstaple.wix.com/rblstaple> where there is much of interest, including Lost Sons of Staple profiles and the story and pictures of the construction of the Remembrance Garden.*

The fundraising BBQ held at Gander Court in July just after *The Escallop* went to press was highly successful. We were fortunate to enjoy good weather, the food was excellent, cooked by the gourmet team of Beer and Burr. Many very tasty contributions of side dishes and sweets came from members and the raffle was as popular as ever, run by the Rampton A Team, with many desirable objects to be won. All this goodness raised the considerable sum of £500.00 so many thanks to all who contributed.

We had our second face to face meeting at the Black Pig on 12th August. Despite our Standard Bearers being hors de combat we managed, by persuasion, borrowing a display in a static holder to have the Standard present at the Legion Centenary Celebration at the Battle of Britain Memorial site at Capel le Ferne, at Armed Forces Day in Deal and at the Dover Patrol Memorial where we also laid a wreath. One of our Lost Sons, Hubert Amos, RN, HMS Tartar was lost on the Dover Patrol. Members were gratified to hear that our Register of Mobility Aids has already been applied to and necessary aids lent out. We appointed members to attend the County Conference in January as Visitors and a Delegate. We discussed the Dinner to be arranged in lieu of September's Branch Meeting. Details will be sent out to members soon. October's meeting will be our AGM so members were asked to give thought to who they wanted to be Branch Officers and were urged to put themselves forward for posts.

A small party, in support of 'Motor Sport Endeavour' attended a day out for wounded veterans arranged by Supacat, supplier of all terrain, high mobility military vehicles. Lots of happy faces!!

Maison Dieu activity programme gets underway with Heritage Open Days

An exciting phase of the National Lottery funded Maison Dieu development project is about to begin with an action-packed programme of events, workshops and skills-based training to connect people of all ages and backgrounds with Dover Town Hall.

Hundreds of events are planned over the next five years - from an opportunity to chat to conservators as they clean and repair priceless furniture and paintings, to heritage

craft workshops and archaeological digs where members of the public can pick up a trowel to uncover evidence from the building's long and colourful history.



Fun starts with Heritage Open Days!

The fun begins on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 September when the building opens from 10pm to 4pm for Heritage Open Days. Visitors of all ages will be able to enjoy a free behind the scenes building tour, see recently discovered William Burges designs, make and stamp their own Burges stencils and even meet the esteemed architect himself!

World's Biggest Coffee Morning



CAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

10.00 TO 12.00
FRIDAY 24TH
SEPTEMBER 2021 AT
THE DELL
THE STREET
STAPLE

MICHELLE BEER



Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

The Staple Play Group as was....

On behalf of the village, we would like to wish all you dedicated people, who have kept this vital asset to the village alive, a **very Happy 53rd Birthday!!**



No time for a celebration this year...looking at the photos of the children at their 1st birthday party we all enjoyed in the old Village Hall and wondering where they all are now?

Congratulations to all who have worked to keep it going.

Karen Young (Reed Cottage)

Sandwich Connect Bus Service – UPDATE

A revised route and timetable for the Sandwich Connect bus providing a link between Staple and Ash has now been agreed. Staple Parish Council proposed that the bus should enter Ash then turn at Chequer Lane and proceed to Sandwich via the Ash By-Pass but following consultation KCC has decided that the bus will instead proceed further into Ash before turning down New Street and Marshborough Road and entering Sandwich via Woodnesborough Road. This revised route will reinstate a bus service for an area of Ash which, like Staple, lost a regular Stagecoach Service when the Number 14 was withdrawn in 2019. A revised timetable has been agreed with Britannia but as the Traffic Commissioner requires 70 days' notice of the intention to register a change to a bus service, the new timetable and route will not come into operation until **Monday, 25th October 2021**.

Revised timetable effective 25 October 2021

Staple- Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham		Sandwich Connect			
Mondays to Fridays					
Staple, Three Tuns		0939	1109	1309	1439
Staple, The Street		0940	1110	1310	1440
Staple, Durlock Nursery		0943	1113	1313	1443
Guilton Corner		0945	1115	1315	1445
Ash, The Chequer Inn		0946	1116	1316	1445
Ash, Mill Field		0949	1119	1319	1448
Woodnesborough, Oak Hill		0953	1123	1323	1451
Sandwich, The Guildhall	Arr:	0959	1129	1329	1457
	Dep:	1002	1132	1332	1500
Northbourne, Updown Lane		1009	1139	1339	1507
Northbourne, Crossroads		1012	1142	1342	1510
Mongeham, Church Close		1016	1146	1346	1514
Mongeham, Church		1017	1147	1347	1515
Mongeham, Village Hall		1018	1148	1348	1516
St Nicholas Close Bus Shelter	Arr:	1020	1150	1350	1518
	Dep:	1022	1152	1352	1522
Mongeham - Northbourne - Sandwich - Staple		Sandwich Connect			
Mondays to Fridays					
Mongeham, Village Hall		1024	1154	1354	1524
Mongeham, Church		1025	1155	1355	1525
Mongeham, Church Close		1026	1156	1356	1526
Northbourne, Crossroads		1030	1200	1400	1530
Northbourne, Updown Lane		1033	1203	1403	1533
Sandwich, The Guildhall	Arr:	1040	1210	1410	1540
	Dep:	1043	1243	1413	1543
Woodnesborough, Oak Hill		1049	1249	1419	1549
Ash, Mill Field		1053	1252	1423	1553
Ash, The Chequer Inn		1056	1256	1426	1556
Guilton Corner		1057	1257	1427	1557
Staple, Durlock Nursery		1059	1259	1429	1559
Staple, The Street		1102	1302	1432	1602
Staple, Three Tuns		1103	1303	1433	1603

Post pandemic - Supporting Music, Public Transport and Hospitality



The Anchor at Wingham teams up with Stagecoach Buses to support Music & Arts, Public Transport and The Hospitality industry.

The Anchor at Wingham has created an initiative to support Public Transport, Music & Arts and The Hospitality trade following the devastating consequences of the Covid19 Pandemic to all 3 sectors. Music lovers can take the 43 Stagecoach Bus from anywhere on the route (Canterbury to Sandwich) to a music event at the pub and on production of a valid bus ticket can enjoy their first drink "on the house"!!

So here are the details of the Stagecoach 43 Club offer:

The Anchor at Wingham has teamed up with Stagecoach Buses to provide their music loving customers a terrific new offer!! Travel to any of their music events on the Stagecoach 43 bus and get your first drink for free!!!!

You'll need to produce a bus ticket valid for travel on the day of your visit and in return you can enjoy a Pint of Harveys Bitter, Fosters Lager, Small Glass of House Wine or a soft drink of your choice to get your visit off to a great start. Then, just sit back and enjoy the show.

The Anchor at Wingham are doing this to encourage people to use public transport, get back down the pub and to support musicians.

All you need to do is to take a look at their Website www.theanchoratwingham/events or visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/theanchoratwingham and choose a show/s that you wish to attend, get on the Stagecoach 43 bus and come to The Anchor.

What's more they're arranging start and finish times of events around the 43 Bus timetable so you can get home by bus too! (except to Sandwich on Sundays)*

Oh! And don't forget to sign up for free to the Stagecoach Rewards to redeem this offer and gain access to a whole host of other great deals throughout Kent. <https://rewards.stagecoachbus.com/brand/the-anchor-inn-wingham>

Getting here by Bus from Canterbury

Saturdays and Weekdays; Buses run at 16, 36 & 56 minutes past the hour

Sundays; Buses run at 18 minutes past the hour

Getting back to Canterbury

Saturdays & Weekdays; Last bus to Canterbury 22.20

Sundays; Last bus to Canterbury 19.35

Getting here by Bus from Sandwich

Saturdays & Weekdays; Buses run at 01, 21 & 41 minutes past the hour

Sundays; Buses run at 15 minutes past the hour

Getting back to Sandwich

Saturdays & Weekdays; last Bus to Sandwich/Deal 22.57

Sundays; last bus to sandwich 17.34*

Please note these times are for guidance only, please check up to date times at www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables Bank Holidays are same times as Sundays

Staple Helpline



If you are self-isolating or vulnerable during the current difficulties, there is a team of people in Staple able and willing to help you in a number of ways:

- Picking up shopping.
- Posting letters.
- Walking dogs.
- A friendly phone call.
- Pick up prescriptions.
- Any other errand you are unable to do.

If you need any help, please email The Escallop@gmail.com, or call 01304 812515 and we will do what we can. There is also a team of helpers to ring round people in the village on a regular basis to check in with them. If you would like to receive a phone call, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch.

Village websites

www.staple-online.com
www.stapleparishcouncil.co.uk
<https://rblstaple.wix.com/rblstaple>
www.ewbchurches.org.uk

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Community Speedwatch and SID Report



August 2021

Speedwatch

In the month to 11th August, we held 6 sessions and 14 vehicles were reported for exceeding the 35mph speed limit for reporting. 13 of these were first time offenders and 1 was sent a letter for a second offence. It is disappointing to note that several vehicles were exceeding 40 mph. I am informed by the Police that if anyone is reported for speeding 5 times, they will be fined ~ this is anywhere in the Kent Police region.

I have heard several comments about speeding in Staple. Instead of commenting ~ join Speedwatch and help to reduce speeders by presence on our roads (or pavements!). The sight of HiViz jackets and the radar display **DOES** reduce speeds and usually makes the driver aware that the village has 30mph limit throughout. Very few of our villagers speed which is comforting, as we are all aware of people (especially children), dogs, horses and large farm tractors. School starts again soon, so please parents make sure children have bright clothing and walk facing the traffic.

Below is a quote from a recent report from **Matthew Scott: Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner:-** *Speeding on country roads is another issue about which we receive many complaints.*

The Commissioner spent time with Community Speedwatch and heard about the excellent work this growing group of volunteers does. More than 1,000 people give up their time to monitor the roads of Kent and in June alone they caught about 4,500 cars driving too fast, which was 10% of all passing traffic. However, after that first warning 90% of speeding drivers are not caught again. Those who do are given further warnings then a fine. Thank you to those who give up their own time to support the Police force in helping make our roads safer.

Please contact me if you are interested in supporting Speedwatch in Staple ~ roger43@gmail.com or telephone 01304 812306

SID report

Following lengthy discussions via email we have had to redeploy the Speed indicator devices to meet the requirements of Kent CC. The devices have had to be mounted higher and not used to check vehicles leaving the village. They can only be used to face vehicles entering the the village, except for the one on Lower Road which can be deployed in both directions.

The SIDs are now back on the poles and results will be forthcoming in September.



Staple Parish Council

Date of next meeting: September 8th at 7.30pm

Local Societies

In the current crisis, events and activities organised by local societies have been cancelled including:

Staple Parent and Toddler Group
Staple Youth Group
Pipe-Dreamers
Staple Short Mat Bowls Club
Ash Guides
Staple Walking Group
Woodnesborough Gardeners Club

When local societies are able to restart, we will ensure that details are included in the Escalop

Dover District Council - Disruption to waste and recycling collections



LATEST UPDATE – All services are currently disrupted or delayed. Residents are asked to still present their bins on the day of collection. (13 August 2021)

We're sorry for the ongoing disruption to our waste and recycling collections. This is being caused by a combination of factors affecting our contractor, Veolia.

We know how important these collections are to you and are working urgently with Veolia to address the problems and to get the service back to normal as soon as possible.

SUSPENSION OF GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION (4 August 2021)

We've unfortunately suspended the garden waste service at the request of our contractor Veolia in order to allow them to prioritise household waste and recycling collections. Please do not put your garden waste out for collection.

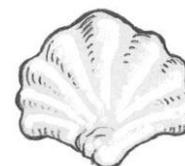
We know this is disappointing with many people working in the garden at this time of year. We are of course working with Veolia with the aim of reinstating garden waste collections as soon as possible.

We appreciate that this is a service which you pay for additionally and will be looking at options such as extending subscriptions or offering a discount off next years' subscription to take account of this.

If you need to urgently dispose of garden waste you can book a slot at the [KCC recycling centres](#) which are open.



Dover District Lottery



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You can now buy tickets for the lottery and support the Church's Restoration Appeal
www.doverlotto.com

During 2020, we were not able to hold most of our fundraising events. This has meant that the next phase of the restoration work is currently on hold as we are unable to raise the funds required. One way in which you can continue to support us is through the Dover District Lottery. Please do consider buying some tickets – we will have raised over £600 in 2020 in this way.

Dover District Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the Dover district. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit the Dover district and its residents. Play the lottery, support Dover District - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

How the lottery will support Staple Church

From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in the Dover district! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – in the Dover lottery the ticket percentage that goes to good causes is more than **doubled**.

If you choose to support Staple Church through the lottery, the Restoration fund will receive 50p of the 60p (the remaining 10p will be distributed to other good causes).

Please do support us. Go to www.doverlotto.com to search for Staple Church and buy your tickets.

Staple Village Hall – Update

(<http://www.staplevillagehall.com>)

Following the last lockdown easing measures, it's now pretty much business as usual for the Village Hall.

Because the hall is also used for early education purposes (Staple Pre-School), we have had to adhere to more stringent rules than other halls where this isn't the case and this is why the hall wasn't available for hire until very recently.

It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the spread of covid-19; including hand sanitizing and where practicable, maintaining social distancing.

To enable the Track & Trace App to record your visit to the hall, you should scan the QR code (displayed in the entrance hall). Users without smart phones should enter the relevant details in the register. (Displayed in the entrance hall).

Staple Village Hall & Recreation Ground Management Committee have adopted Pre-School's Covid risk assessment; as this has proved to be useful and relevant for users of the hall.

During the various lockdown periods the hall's only source of income has been from Pre-School's hiring fees.

However, we were able to manage financially, not only thanks to Pre-School, but also because of a grant which our then Treasurer, David Facey successfully arranged for us.

Although bookings ground to a halt during lockdown, maintenance and expenditure certainly didn't. The porchway timber has been re-painted; the front door lock has been changed; a damaged area of soffit has been repaired (and decorated), and the playground equipment has been regularly inspected.

But the largest project / expenditure has been the roof. Following several patch repairs, it was decided that the most cost-effective way of dealing with the ever-increasing incidences of roof leaks was to have the entire roof repaired. (Excluding those areas already repaired).

We used a local contractor and he stripped the roof, installed breathable roofing membrane, renewed the battens and replaced a huge number of damaged tiles. The work was carried out to a high standard and is guaranteed. Although these works have used up a large chunk of our 'rainy day fund', we still have a fairly healthy amount left.

Hopefully bookings will soon return to the pre-Covid levels and our finances will improve. (For Hall booking enquiries please contact The Village Hall Bookings Officer: Sue Coulson Tel. 01304-812340).

We are mindful that lockdown resulted in reduced hours/wages for many people, so we've resisted the temptation to increase our hire fees.

Staple Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee.

Please see full Village Hall details on the following page.

Staple Village Hall

<http://www.staplevillageHall.com>

The Village Hall and the Recreation Ground are owned by Staple Parish Council and are managed on behalf of the parishioners by a committee of elected members, plus appointed representatives of village organisations. Through regular, preventative maintenance and the timely rectification of day-to-day problems, the committee ensures that the Hall and the grounds are always kept in tip top condition. This is particularly true of the Recreation Ground's play equipment, which recently received a much-needed major refurbishment. Subsequent regular maintenance, plus annual safety inspections by the manufacturers (Wicksteed) ensure that every element of the play equipment is kept in a safe condition.

Regular central heating maintenance, an excellent cleaner, and the use of a local multi-skilled tradesman mean that the Hall is always warm, clean and in perfect working order. This provides excellent value for money for the Hall's long-term hirers and also attracts short-term hirers / maintains levels of income. The committee secretary's vigilance ensures that the Hall is always warm and that the heating is only on during hire periods; thus, keeping costs to a minimum. The committee's Treasurer and Booking Officer make sure that the Hall is always cost-effective. (With booking income matching/exceeding expenditure). The largest regular expense is the Hall's annual insurance. The Hall's regular long-term hirers include Staple Pre-School, Staple Youth Club, Staple Parent & Toddler Group, Staple Short Mat Bowls Club and the Staple Country Fayre Committee.

For Hall booking enquiries please contact

The Village Hall Bookings Officer:

Sue Coulson Tel. 01304-812340 (enquiries@staplevillageHall.com)

For general (or website related) enquiries, please contact The Village Hall Chairman:

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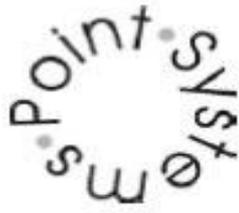
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