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Hello – I hope you all had an enjoyable Jubilee. The parishes certainly played their part in the historical event and we have the photographs to prove it!

This month we have received a letter from Angela; telling us about her new home and the start of her retirement, You'll find lots of info about forthcoming local events and tales from some of the Jubilee events.

On a sad note we recently had to say goodbye to our darling dog, Harvey. Harvey made Sole Street his home after a long stay in Battersea; where we found him waiting patiently just for us. He made friends and touched many hearts through his magazine articles and on his walks. It was lovely when I opened emails addressed to him or when he received lots of fuss from people when out and about – thank you for showing him so much love and kindness. We miss him very much.

Until next month, be well - Tina



A bequest from Eve Burch so generously and kindly received by the Local Funding Group.

Eve and Dave moved to Sole Street from Meopham and wholeheartedly supported our community, Eve - by being a member of Keep Fit classes, CADS and the WI and Dave with his involvement in leading Footpath/ Ramblers' Walks. Dave always had a cheery quip to lighten the day. So sadly missed. Our most grateful thanks and warm wishes to Eve's family
From the Local Funding Group, St. Mary's Church Room

From Eve's daughter

I have made a donation to help with the ongoing repairs to the Tin Tabernacle, on behalf of my mum, Eve Burch, who sadly passed away last October.

My mum, and dad David, spent many happy social occasions at the little hut. Mum was a member of Sole Street WI and they also used to both help with the annual tidy up of the area around the building. It was an important part of my mum's happy life in Sole Street, and I felt a contribution towards its upkeep would be quite fitting. Good luck with your fundraising efforts.
Hilary and Martyn Eastwood

A LETTER FROM ANGELA

Dear friends

Thank you all for a lovely service to celebrate my 12 ½ years as your vicar. It was very emotional saying good-bye to you all, especially at communion as I looked at all your lovely faces.

The move went very well and I have begun to settle into my new home, although finding a place for all my stuff has been challenging! I down sized quite a lot before moving but I still have too much stuff and so am still taking trips to the charity shops and the recycling centre. (Note to all:-do it now!) Retirement is a mixed bag really; I am enjoying the headspace, not having to think about what I need/must do today or this or that deadline that needs meeting. I am enjoying not having those pangs of guilt for the things I forgot or didn't get to soon enough. I certainly don't miss all the responsibility and I am enjoying the sunshine sitting with a book on my balcony. (actually read a whole book) I also have some lovely walks around here with Charlie. It is nice to be able to just pop in to family when I want to, and come home again.

Whilst I also miss the village and lovely countryside of Cobham and Luddesdowne I have found that suburban Laindon offers me lovely walks along paths amid green spaces with many trees, bird song, foxes, squirrels and plenty of cats, right on my doorstep. God is good.

I have been busy turning my little garden from a wasteland into a garden and have ordered a garden studio room funded in part with the generous gift you gave me as my retirement treat to myself. I am looking forward to spending much time in there doing all my favourite crafts.

Charlie is settling in well too, although he does miss the garden; my garden here is separate from my flat so I can't just open the door and let him out. He loves having me around all the time but he isn't happy to be left at home on his own just yet.

I hope it will not be too long before you have a new minister at Cobham and Luddesdowne church and I hope that you are benefitting from the ministry of those that come to serve you. I look forward to visiting you in the future and hope that you will come and visit me, you would be most welcome to visit anytime you may be passing. It is not too far really only 45 mins journey if the crossing is good.

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One thing that does annoy me is that previous owners decided that it would be a good idea to put the central heating boiler up in my loft, it is obviously on summer time because i have hot water but no heating, if i want to turn the heating on its a trip up into the loft! I tried Peter Hartley, but I couldn't do it, 4 steps was all I could manage so let's hope the weather stays fine for a lot longer because I will need to call on the family to go up into the loft to turn the heating on what a palaver...
All the family are doing OK although Nichola has COVID again, 4th time for her I think. As I write the sun is shining and I can see that I need to water the plants on my balcony before they die off. Do keep in touch and let me know all your news Much love Angela

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North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everybody,



This meeting served a double purpose as it included our first AGM as a new group. After eighteen years as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Mary has decided to 'retire'. We are grateful to Lis for agreeing to take on this important role.

After the AGM we welcomed Nicola Walton of 'Daisy and Grace' daisyandgrace.co.uk with her 'online haberdashery store'. Nicola told us of her rise to fame through her love of sewing which started at the age of five when she was given her first sewing machine. It was clear from her talk that she has jumped at every opportunity that has come her way so that she is now selling her 'Quilt As You Go' method of quilting through a massive company in the USA as well as appearing on 'Create and Craft' on television. From Nicola's determination to get a place to study at The London College of Fashion, to her willingness to take on incredible challenges, the story of creating her business was inspirational.



Veronica had brought the new NKE banner to this meeting and this now includes a separate section to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You can see the embroidered squares that make this up – all worked by our members.

If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please look at our website <https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/> or email us at: info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734
Happy stitching, Karen
(All links and photographs used with permission.)



SOLE STREET WI



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was our focus last month, like it was with many other people. The photographs below show our craft group's tribute to Her Majesty in a wall mounted portrait montage of pearlised buttons, sequins and bottle tops. The knitters amongst us also yarn-bombed the post box beside the Little Shop with figurines representing the Royal Family & the corgies.

We created a Museum displaying artefacts, photos & memorabilia in the St Mary's Church Room and donations made on the day amounted to nearly £200 for the Local Funding Group. Refreshments including a dozen home-made cakes served by our WI in Min's lovely garden during the Garden Safari also raised funds for the LFG.



Our final jubilee celebration was held in our President's garden in glorious sunshine and summer hats with much reminiscing over the past 7 decades of the Queen's reign. There were also a lot of giggling about the photos we had brought of ourselves as children.

The next main meeting at 7.30pm on 26 July in St Mary's Church Room will feature a talk by Maurice Chittenden on "Why Your Daily Paper Will Soon Disappear". Our August meeting is a social held in a member's garden on the 23rd.

For information on this and all our activities please contact Yvonne 01474 813455

Molly Isaacs

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

Cobham has 6 bells hung for change-ringing when the order in which the bells ring can be changed with every pull of the bell rope. A method is a standardised and named series of changes where each ringer knows the work or route of his bell amongst the other bells. A quarter peal involves 1260 changes and takes 45 minutes to ring.

We have rung a couple of quarter peals lately of Grandsire Doubles. Grandsire was composed by Robert Roan in 1652 and has a feeling of tradition and timelessness in its name. Doubles means there are five working bells changing places while the heaviest, the Tenor, is always the last or sixth bell to strike giving a steady rhythm.

We were asked to ring on the 23rd April for the wedding of Joanna Peirce and Stuart Parkes. As it was St. George's Day we decided to ring a quarter peal and chose Grandsire and we also linked our ringing to the 4th birthday of Prince Louis of Cambridge that day and two days before the Queen's 96th birthday remembering The Duke of Edinburgh and his 73 years of marriage and service. Then on the 11th May we rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles to wish the Reverend Angela Walker a happy retirement.

Peals (3 hours and 5040 changes) and quarter peals rung are often recorded in *The Ringing World*, the weekly bell ringers' magazine, together with the reason for the special ringing which I read might be such as celebrating exam results and wedding anniversaries or birthday compliments, for clergy coming or going, and a Civil Service. Also, I spotted in the magazine 'on the dedication of a new church annex, to entertain the visitors at Croome Park (NT), and the 120th anniversary of the wedding of Sir Nigel Gresley'. I enjoyed 'for National Farmers Day, International Stuttering Awareness Day, National Chocolate Cup Cake Day' and 'for National Gin and Tonic Day'. And of centuries of ringers there is often little trace but hopefully all are ringing heavenly bells. However one elderly Cheshire ringer of the past is recalled in *The Ringing World* as he prepared to ring a peal 'the rest of the band would interestedly await his preparations which consisted of changing into slippers, taking off his collar and tie and placing his false teeth in his waistcoat pocket'. We keep ringing.



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This is the month of St Swithun. We all have rainy days. But after a rainy day often comes a sunny evening, and there's a peculiar clarity to the air after rain. You can hear the birds singing from miles around, and you can pick up the scent from flowers that sparkle in the evening sunlight, the droplets of water on the leaves shining like jewels

Evening Sun

After a day of cloud and rain
The evening sun comes out again.
Forget the gloomy day that's gone,
And listen to the robin's song!
In the sunshine's golden glow
See the garden's floral show!
And nature, freshened, can rejoice
In sparkling colour, scent, and voice.
If your day is damp and grey
Know the cloud will go away –
The pouring rain will soon be done
And then will come the evening sun!
By Nigel Beeton





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Summer Show

We were delighted that we were able this year to hold our Summer Show, the first since 2019. Entry levels were strong, with various classes reflecting the Queen's Jubilee. The Judge was very impressed with the standard of entries. There were plenty of visitors who enjoyed homemade cake and tea in the sunshine. The plant sale raised £70 for the Ellenor. So a successful day all round. Our next show is our Autumn Show on Saturday 17th September.

In the meantime, Summer is progressing...July is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- 2 Care for houseplant while on holiday
- 3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- 4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- 5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- 6 Treat apple scab
- 7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
- 8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- 9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- 10 Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

For further details of membership and all Gardeners' activities email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

THE VIEW WHERE I AM

SEE COBHAM AND SOLE STREET FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

MONDAY 29TH AUGUST
ST MARY'S CHURCH, COBHAM.



IN THE 1980s the late Dr Nigel Haig took a series of aerial photographs of our village and surrounds. We are recreating the images from the sky for 2022, 40 years on. Please come and see them displayed, alongside a postcard art exhibition from the everyday folk and school children of Cobham. Tea, coffees and delicious homemade cakes will be served in the cool surroundings of our beautiful church, with proceeds to The Friends of Cobham Church.

SEND US A POSTCARD!

We invite you to contribute a postcard-sized drawing, collage, diagram or doodle of YOUR VIEW.

Show us what you are looking at and thinking about, be it from your front door, chair or car. No formal art skills necessary, just please do join in!

PLEASE VISIT COBHAM COMMUNITY STORES TO PICK UP A FREE BLANK POSTCARD AND TO DROP IT BACK IN OUR BOX.
FOR QUERIES CONTACT KATE (HYDE.KATE@GMAIL.COM)



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VILLAGE GARAGE/TABLE TOP SALE

A community event will take place in August to help raise money for the ongoing restoration of our much-loved quirky Victorian building in Sole Street.

The fundraiser is part of efforts to raise £100,000 to restore St. Mary's Church Room to its former glory. Built in 1889, the smallish prefabricated structure (known locally as the 'Tin Tabernacle') is the only community facility in Sole Street.

The community event will take place on Sunday 28th August (bank holiday weekend), from 11am to 4pm. Residents and visitors will be able to enjoy fresh air and exercise around Sole Street - following a set trail, either by walking, running, cycling or scooting!

There'll be a range of stalls and activities dotted around the trail, including those offering upcycled, recycled and homemade items, plus refreshments.

Parking is at Sole Street Railway Station (DA13 0XY) and a family pass trail map can be purchased for £5 from the Tin Tabernacle (Manor Road, Sole Street, DA13 9BW).

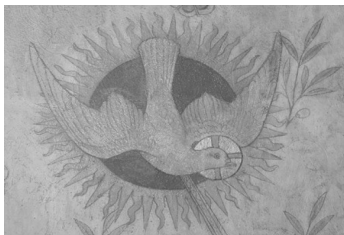
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Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street_Church Services
during July



Sunday 3rd July

10.30am

Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Sunday 10th July

10:30am

Holy Communion (BCP), Cobham

Sunday 17th July

10:30am

Family Service with Baptism, Luddesdowne

Sunday 24th July

10.30am

Holy Communion, Cobham

Sunday 31st July

10:30am

Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Midweek services

9:30am Sole Street Church Room

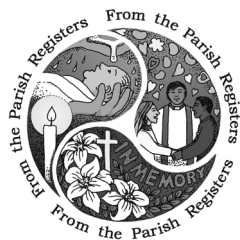
6th Holy Communion

& 13th, 20th & 27th Informal Morning Prayer

Cobham's Register

Renewal of Wedding Vows

Terry and Catherine PARNELL renewed their Wedding Vows on the 1st May 2022 in Cobham church. Catherine and Terry were married in Cobham church 50 years ago. Many congratulations.



Funeral

Veronica Ann HORSLEY was born on the 28th April 1939 and died on the 10th April 2022 aged 82 years old. Veronica's funeral took place on the 10th May 2022 in Cobham church followed by burial in the churchyard. Our sympathy and prayers go to Veronica's children Katherine, Sam, Gen, Michael and Debbie, other family members and friends.

Farewell Service

On the 15th May 2022 we had a service in Cobham church to say farewell to Rev'd Angela WALKER as she was retiring. The service was conducted by Rev'd Dave BUBB. We wish you all the very best in your retirement Angela.

Luddesdowne's Register

Weddings

Andrew Charles OSTRIDGE and Wendy Natalie MINISTER were married in Luddesdowne church on the 14th May 2022. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Canon Chris STONE, Clergy with PTO in Cobham Deanery.

Ashley William GABBITAS and Fenella George WOOD were married in Luddesdowne church on the 20th May 2022. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Roger KNIGHT Rector at Cuxton and Halling

Other Funeral Services

Heather Elizabeth DENBY was born on the 14th June 1936 and died on the 25th April 2022 aged 85 years old. Heather's funeral took place on the 19th May 2022 at Thames View Crematorium, which was conducted by Reverend Canon Chris Stone, Clergy with PTO in Cobham Deanery. Our sympathy and prayers go to Heather's, children Steven, Elizabeth (Liffy) and James (Jim), other family members and friends.

Doreen May HOOD was born on the 28th May 1937 and died on the 16th April 2022 aged 84 years old. Doreen had lived her whole life in Cobham. Doreen's funeral took place on the 19th May 2022 at Thames View Crematorium, which was conducted by Life Celebrant Maria SPARKES. Our sympathy and prayers go to Doreen's family and friends.

Dates for the Diary



**PARTY IN THE PARK Saturday 9th July 7PM—
Cobham Cricket Ground. (Pg.32)**

THE JEZEBEL SEXTET with Reuben Richards

Thursday 6th October 2022 St Mary Magdalene Church, Cobham, Kent
7pm for 7:30

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Evening walk around St Mary's Island, Chatham

On: Friday 1st July 2022 Meet: 7pm outside Odeon Cinema, Medway Outlet
Centre, Maritime, Leviathan Way, Chatham ME4 4LL

Leader: Liz Jeffery 07914099786 Joint event with St Mary's Island Historical
Society. Event is free-Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee
walk –open to all. Sensible footwear needed.

The glorious parish of Cobham-a Kentish gem (illustrated talk and supper)

Speaker: Christoph Bull On: Monday 18th July 2022 At: Reliance
Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend Begins: 6pm for the fish & chip supper,
talk to follow Cost: £18 includes the supper and the talk

Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593-or call into the restau-
rant.

Gravesend's Victorian Dream-and how it ended (Guided walk around Wellington Street area)

Guide: Christoph Bull

Monday 25th July 2022 Meet: 11.30am on corner of The Grove-opposite the
Clock Tower Cost: £5 per person-no need to book. In addition to explor-
ing this less visited area of the town, the Zoar Chapel in Saddington Street
will be open as part of the tour.

Luddesdown and District Rights of Way Group

Friendly local walks run 11:00 am every Wednesday morning at a gentle
pace from Luddesdown and Cobham. Contact Gerry or Janet for details:-
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Looking forward:

The annual RIDE & STRIDE is taking place on
SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER . Please sponsor your church's Rider or
Strider .



Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome** ... see you soon!

Pop-Up Café and Information Hub

Coming to

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Sole Street

Thursday 7th July

Thursday 1st September

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat.

Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome** ... see you soon!



THE TUESDAY POP-IN

Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tuesday 12 July

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



On the 5th June 2022 St Peter and St Paul, Luddesdowne held a service of Morning Praise on this Pentecost Sunday which including an Act of Prayer and Dedication on the occasion of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the planting of a Jubilee tree in the churchyard, at which we sang the National Anthem.

Some several weeks prior to the service Sue and Colin Campbell went hunting, at nurseries, to find an appropriate tree and purchased a 'Sorbus Lutescens The Classic Whitebeam', which is a British tree with British roots. The Diocesan tree advisor said '*This is a nice species choice for amenity and wildlife*' and also the '*location appears to show adequate space for full unhindered canopy and root development*'. So thank you, and well done Sue and Colin for making a very good choice and taking such good care of the tree leading up to the service.

David Bradford of Garden Care, who cuts the grass in the churchyard, had prepared the hole for the tree free of charge for us, as he said it was for the Jubilee tree. Thank you David for the donation of your time and effort, as always you did a very good job.

Gerry Minister, living locally, has agreed to take care of the tree and keep it well watered, thank you Gerry. Twenty five people attended the service which had been prepared by and taken by Rev'd Canon Chris Stone, for which we are all very grateful.

The service went well and everyone had an opportunity to add some soil to the base of the tree. After which we gave three cheers to our Queen and then went back into the church for refreshments.

We hope you all had an enjoyable Jubilee
Janet Weaver



COBHAM & LUDESDOWN W.I.

Our June meeting took place the day before the Platinum Jubilee holiday weekend. Unfortunately, our scheduled speaker was unable to come and we were so grateful to Peter Hartley for coming along at the last minute to give us an excellent and very apt talk about the Royal Family. We learned how the Queen's routine had changed dramatically as a result of the pandemic and she was now in "HMS Bubble" at Windsor Castle. Buckingham Palace is also being extensively refurbished, involving the removal of asbestos and will open to the public this summer. Peter pointed out that the Queen is now fifteen years older than Victoria was when she died and she is still central to everything. Her diary is carefully managed and she still deals with her "boxes" of papers, which are sent to Windsor Castle. We learned, among other things, about the roles of the various members of the royal family – who does the work and who are "a little on the fringe of things".

Our tea had a Jubilee theme, with some bunting (borrowed from a cottage window in the village), red, white and blue napkins, delicious jam tarts, bakewell tarts and cheese scones provided by our tea hostesses, Molly Neville and Anne Latcham, and two Jubilee cakes, expertly decorated by Sue Pagram, using her sugar crafting skills.

We are all looking forward to our next meeting on Wednesday 6th July, which will be our annual Strawberry Tea. Although we have no meeting in August, we are planning a fundraising event for Wednesday 3rd August, which will include an afternoon tea, which will be open to all.

We have an interesting and varied programme of meetings planned for the rest of the year, including "The Woolly Felters – Felt Like Fun" in September; our Art and Craft Autumn Show in October; a Ploughman's Lunch and "craft make" in November; and a Christmas Festive Tea in December. If you are interested in joining this friendly group of ladies, please contact the secretary, Jenny Brooker (email: CobhamLuddesdown@wkwfi.org.uk)



The **1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** meets every Friday evening at South Street Baptist Church, next to Hope Hill Scout Camp, from 6pm until 7.30pm during term time. The end of term is on Friday 15th July. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are very welcome to come and join in the fun, which includes challenges, badge work, team games, craft, cooking and outdoor activities. The uniform is a blue T-shirt and a blue sweatshirt with embroidered badges and the weekly subscription is £2. To find out more please ring **01474 813379** or visit the **South Street Baptist Church Website** at: www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk

There will be a Junior Camp in July at the Honey Hill Camp Site in Maidstone, which has an adventure playground, wooded areas and well equipped camping facilities.

There will also be opportunities in the summer months for older children and teenagers to visit the **Water Activity Centre** in Maidstone, which has recently been upgraded and has bought new canoes, kayaks and stand up paddle boards. All these water activities are supervised by a team of fully qualified leaders. Please watch the video on the **Water Activities Centre Website** at www.thewac.org.uk For more information about Boys Brigade, please visit the **Boys Brigade Website** at: www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK

The next **Meopham Library Writing Group** meeting will be on **Thursday 7th July 2022** at 10am until about midday. There is a different writing theme each month and everyone is invited to write a short story, poem or article, using less than 1,000 words. Recent writing themes have included; “Eye of History”, “Lost Property” and “The Queen”.

There are also a writing challenge, where everyone chooses a word and these have to be included in a paragraph using less than seventy words. If you are interested in writing poems, stories or articles, either as a beginner or as a more experienced writer, you are invited to join our small, friendly group. Writing can be very therapeutic for people facing difficult times. Some people in the group just enjoy writing about their memories, which are really appreciated by their family and friends, while others have already had their work published in magazines or books.

The next writing group meetings will be held on 4th August, 1st September and 6th October. For more information about the group, please ring **01474 813379** or just turn up at Meopham Library on the first Thursday of the month.

:) SMILE LINES :)

Baptism

A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival with their family and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting lasted eight days...



.. and then they set off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find out until the evening



I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to Jerusalem and started searching for Jesus...



Sorry, I haven't seen him.

.. and the next day,



then on the third day

they went to the temple



Look!

He was talking with the teachers.



You must be very proud of your clever son



But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your father and I like this?



Didn't you know I'd be here?



I needed to be where my birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about this all the way home



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Wordsearch clues for Sea Sunday

10th July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers and fishermen worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

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