



North Kent Methodist Circuit

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CIRCUIT NEWS AND PREACHING PLAN



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# Spirit of Change

**We are living in 'liminal' times! Times between what we've known and what we're not yet sure of. Times between what has been and what is yet to be. 'Liminal' times are those when change is all around and we're not quite sure what we can expect or what is expected of us. Our world and society have been changing much in recent decades, but the COVID pandemic brought all that change into sharp relief. A few years on, we're still not completely sure of what our present means or our future will bring.**

One thing we know for sure: God is still at work amongst us! Our God created the worlds out of chaos and often seems most active in times of change and upheaval. Think of God working at the time of Passover to take the Hebrew people from slavery: it took 40 years of wandering in the wilderness for them to be properly prepared for the reality and responsibility of the Promised Land. Think about Babylonian Exile when God led them from complacency to a new understanding of what it meant to be God's people. Think of the disciples and early followers at Jesus' crucifixion: how could they have anticipated the reality of the

Resurrection? It's in the liminal times that we can learn the most about who God is and who God needs us to be.

In this issue of **Grapevine**, we will hear from several liminal projects being undertaken in our circuit. Breakfast Church at Larkfield is a new exploration of how best to interact with families and young children who haven't grown up with church; there is much we can learn about who God is and who God needs us to be from these interactions.

The School Uniform Hub at Sittingbourne is also interacting with families who might not usually be involved with church. It is a project that has arisen out of a spoken need from the community. It reminds us that God is at work all around us.

The Men's Shed at Lower Stock is a superb example of looking and listening again to the needs of the communities around us and matching those needs up with our resources. Co-founder, John Stunell, often speaks of how he has more pastoral conversations at the Men's Shed than with the church folk!

Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet gives us a glimpse into the world of diaconal

ministry as she reports on this year's Diaconal Convocation, which brings together these servant ministers from all across our Connexion.

Likewise, several of our churches continue to be involved with outreach to lonely persons, transients, and homeless persons. Monica Wilding reports on Larkfield's Warm Spaces, and Vicki Clarke gives an update on clothing that is desperately needed at the Gravesend Methodist Community Centre Hub. Is this something you or your group could help with?

Finally, we mark the pioneering mission and evangelism work done by Bart Woodhouse in our circuit (and before we were a circuit) over the past nearly 20 years. Bart has continually pushed us in ways we hadn't fully anticipated, pushed us to see the needs of our communities - spiritual and practical - and the resources God has given us to address those needs. Bart's recognition of the Spirit at work has sometimes pushed us into uncomfortable places; that's often a sign of God at work!

**Bonni-Belle**



# Farewells to Bart

## From the Peninsula

Bart came to us at The Peninsula Methodist Church post Covid and was very swiftly accepted into our church family. Although he has only been with us for a couple of years, all of us without a shadow of doubt are going to miss him terribly.

He is a firm favourite with the young people and even we older 'young at hearts' look forward to worshipping with him and hearing the message that he brings. We all look forward with anticipation to his illustrations - none of us is going to forget the Holy Spirit illustration in a hurry, including Bart!

Bart is a great encourager as well as a brilliant educator. When he is able to get along there, he and his knowledge are greatly appreciated at the Tuesday Fellowship. This is echoed at the monthly worship/ fellowship that happens at Lower Stoke once a month. He always manages to help us explore a little more deeply each time.

His gentle pastoral care has been welcomed, especially by those who are housebound and can no longer attend weekly worship. His enthusiasm and his happy participation in the smallest of tasks, his quiet industrious acts and little jobs around the church are just in his nature: "I was here anyway and the job just needed doing". That attitude has not gone unnoticed and we are grateful for all these 'just' moments.

The litter picking crew are going to miss his cheerfulness which seems to shine even on the dullest and wettest of days. We are sure that all those people he has engaged with over the past year on Cliffe Road will surely ask where he is.



Bart has encouraged The Peninsula Church to have our own website and more recently a Facebook page and so we have tentatively stepped into this century with lots of prayer and a little bit of new found confidence.

As has been said, we are going to miss Bart very much, but we as a church family and a community send him on his next stage of his personal faith journey and calling with bucketloads of love and prayers.

May God enfold you in his immeasurable grace,

May Jesus walk every step alongside you, carrying you when needs be,

And may the Holy Spirit's eternal presence within you never be crushed. Amen.

God Bless you Bart.  
Thank you for everything.

## Bart - a One-Off

What can we say about Bart? He is a one-off, very humble, but a real inspiration. We love his preaching. He takes us to places in a way we haven't explored before, preaching with passion for renewal and an increase of God's kingdom, making us aware of new paths of ministry and servanthood.

We have always looked forward to him being with us, being part of our church family. We have benefited from the Alpha and discipleship courses, with some experiencing the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The Church of England's gain is definitely our loss. We will miss him terribly, but we wish him God's speed in his new adventure.

With all our love from GMCCC

Joyce

## Shedding some light

As soon as Bart heard us talk about getting the Shed going he was up for it.

The practical stuff - his background means he understands what a workshop is and can be.

The administrative stuff - his past experience in grant applications meant that he was able, pretty much single-handedly, to secure the substantial grant from the Community Lottery Fund that has made us viable this year.

The pastoral stuff - he isn't always able to be there but the "lads" are always pleased to see him and there have been some really important pastoral encounters, including one which was later described by the person concerned as "a life saver".

Each of these is important. Taken together they are special.

We hope that before he goes he will have time to finish the bowl that has been on and off the lathe for the last five months, but if not, we consider him a life member and he can come back any time!

John  
On behalf of the Peninsula Shed



# Church planting with Bart

I joined Bart on the journey of church planting at The Bridge and then Ebbsfleet after meeting him, and what a journey it was! So many different exciting activities: big lunches, litter picking, encounter worship nights, prayer walks, street pastors, foodbank, prayer for healing on the streets, beach trips, Alpha courses, and also a short course Bart had written himself based on questions people ask about the world and faith. We met in school halls, front rooms, the church cafe and at a community garden. Through this time Bart showed how creative and imaginative he was in trying to find ways to engage the community in conversations about faith, ultimately longing for them to find faith too. He taught with incredible theological insight and knowledge and yet made this accessible to us all. I'm not sure anyone can spend time around Bart and not grasp how much he loves the Lord and his passion to share this with those around him, or to have been around him and not been challenged in their own growth.

I also want to add that I know Bart's commitment does not come without the support of his own family in the background. Thank you Bart for all that you have given, and also to Rachel, Seth, Jacob and Martha for your support of Bart, enabling and allowing him to be able to serve in the way he has.

## **Blessings for the next part of your adventure**

We first met Bart when we attended the Brent Methodist church in Dartford. That was the beginning of a long and fruitful journey, one that took us from meeting in their home in Gravesend to planting a new church, 'The Beacon', at the Bridge Development on the site of the old Joyce Green hospital, then on to Ebbsfleet to begin another plant.

During these times we formed strong relationships with Bart and his family and the others who were on this journey with us. His deep and loving relationship with Jesus and the love and kindness he gave to us were a blessing to both of us and have brought us into a deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

On a personal level, Bart has become a cherished friend to both us and our family; he has been there during the highs and lows of life and is someone we have grown to love and respect very much.

All our Love, Bart.

**Gary & Helen Willis**



## *How to build a Shed*

It all started with a chance encounter on the way to the paper shop. A chap not seen before, who seemed a bit down. I invited him to the Wednesday drop-in at the Chapel and he came. Afterwards, as we walked back up the hill he opined that it was OK, but he had been hoping for something a bit more "blokey".

We tested the water with a piece in the local free paper and got an astonishing response. So started a journey that has taken about two years

but has resulted in a fully equipped workshop, a core group of members and others who drop in and out – a springboard from which to reach into the community and encourage others. Along the way we had valuable support and advice from the Octopus Foundation, who run a Shed project and training centre in Strood. They ran a taster day for some of our initial responders. Now that we have a fully operational workshop we are able to spend more time actually making

things, but the core of the enterprise is the community and mutual support. We have become part of the national and international Men in Sheds movement which is focussed on the promotion of wellbeing amongst men. Bart, our pastor, has been a key supporter throughout in a myriad of ways, but probably doesn't realise how profound his pastoral impact has been on some who have come along, and on the project as a whole.







Some of our members are highly skilled, others have no practical experience. It doesn't matter, skills are shared and there's something for everyone AND there's tea and biscuits (oh, and sympathy, if needed). We have one friend and supporter who sometimes comes four miles on a mobility scooter along quite busy roads just to bring us biscuits and have a chat! Some members are more spry than others and some have neurological conditions such as Parkinson's but there is time and space for everyone. We have seen real positive change in the wellbeing of members.

We have benefited greatly from grants from the Community Lottery Fund, Hoo St Werburgh Parish Council, and the Nag's Head pub but also from individual generosity on an awesome scale. In recognition of this, and because many of us are grandparents and know the challenge of finding



affordable things to do with children in the holidays, during the Easter holiday we ran some sessions for children to come in and make bird boxes and bug hotels from pre-prepared kits (we didn't think junior school children and powerful bench saws was a good idea!). The children had fun and so did we - and they got to walk away with a "made it myself" thing. We plan to run similar sessions through the summer.

However, our primary purpose is to address the needs of isolated men in the community. A chilling statistic is that the primary cause of death in men between 18 and 45 is suicide and that only comes off the top of the list as we get older because the range of other possible causes grows. There is a significant ministry to be done and whilst the Shed is not an evangelical project, there are many conversations about real issues, our mortality and the fact that we are hosted by the Church that give the opportunity to present a Christian perspective and Christian values. The image accompanying this article is of a tapestry that hangs in the sanctuary, upstairs from the workshop, depicting Jesus telling the disciples where to fish.

**John Stunell**





# Bacon Butties at Larkfield

**Breakfast Church at Larkfield happens at 9am on the first Sunday of the month. Between 35 and 50 people regularly attend, made up of family groups and individuals, but mostly people who don't come to our 10am morning worship. In fact, the Breakfast Church congregation is now regularly larger, sometimes twice the size of our 10 am congregation.**

So, what is Breakfast Church? Well, simply it's Breakfast and Church, together.

We are reminded in the early chapters of Acts, how the apostles and friends of Jesus would meet together over meals to worship. Their worship consisted of reading the Scriptures, praying, singing psalms and songs, talks and much discussion, as well as breaking bread together.

For us, it's much the same. "Breakfast" is a buffet of cereals, yogurts, fruit, croissants, pains au chocolat and the ever popular bacon butties! And tea, coffee or juice.

"Church" is worship, with lively songs, a Bible story, often told as a drama and developed into activities for further exploration, and prayer. Sometimes we break into groups around big square tables with different activities on each: maybe a Bible study, adult craft, topical discussions based on news stories, and for the children, Bible-based activities, often with a food craft.



Recently, we have stayed together as a whole group, to celebrate Easter, the Coronation and Pentecost. Together we have developed the story with lively All Age worship, often with some craft on the tables for children. For Easter we experienced Stations of the Cross, for the Coronation we celebrated with pipe cleaner crowns, plastic balls for orbs and toy windmills for sceptres, and for Pentecost we had crowns of flames, and a large church birthday cake!

It was the Revd Naomi who first introduced the concept of Breakfast Church in early 2020, but we only had a couple of sessions before Covid hit hard. Our last session before



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lockdown was at the start of Lent when the children collected items in Lent bags to tell the story of Lent and Jesus' ministry. "Bring your bags back next time on Palm Sunday" we asked, but that wasn't to be, and so more bags were made with items for telling the Easter story, and delivered to their homes, thus beginning our lockdown bag outreach. Sadly, it was two years before we were able to restart because of Covid distancing rules, but we started again in Lent 2022 when the children made masks of the wild animals that Jesus may have encountered in the wilderness, then the story of the temptations was presented in foodie things on a pancake.

In Larkfield we struggle these days to get children along to Sunday Club during our 10am worship, yet for Breakfast Church we get several families with their little ones. Even if they are in different groups the parents know that their children are safe. Also in Larkfield we have adults and children with some learning disabilities and Breakfast Church is a comfortable and enjoyable place for them to worship, and to contribute to worship. They love songs with actions! And there are some for whom having a generous breakfast provided is a real treat!

### So what do you need to set up Breakfast Church?

Firstly you need a good team –

- leaders both for the whole group worship and for each table of activities
- people to set up and clear away, to buy and set out the food
- a musician or technical person
- someone to do the advertising, especially on social media.

You need people with good imagination, a sense of fun and Bible knowledge to plan the sessions. You need to be able to tell the Bible stories simply, in a way that people less familiar with them can understand.

You need the support of the whole church, especially in recognising that this is a valid and valuable form of worship and an important outreach.

And most importantly, you need prayer: for courage, inspiration, imagination, and for people that they will come to feel welcome and loved.

From July until October we are trying something different. Breakfast Church stays the same, except we hope



numbers will be up, as our 10am service on the first Sunday will not take place. An evening service will take place at Larkfield instead. This is especially to help with planning preachers during the Revd Naomi's maternity leave.

Why not come along one Sunday to see what we do? Then think about how you might do something similar. It has worked for us. Could it work for you?

Monica Wilding, June 2023

breakfast church





# *How “pre-loved” clothes might help to save the planet*

***Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.***  
***Galatians 6:9***

We are constantly being asked to help save the planet by separating our rubbish, choosing sustainable options over disposable, and not polluting our oceans. We try to reduce our dependence on use single use plastic and to carry cloth bags with us to the shops, while fast fashion is constantly under fire from campaigners. How many of us actually believe we can save the planet and be good stewards of it with “hand me downs”, or “pre-loved” as is now the preferred description?

Pre Covid, in Sittingbourne a community wardrobe consisting of second-hand clothes was launched by Murston Anglican Church under the leadership of the Revd Lesley when she became aware of the basic needs of people for expensive school uniform. The community wardrobe was also part of a larger project to help people in need with practical issues such as sorting out debt. This project grew and was very popular until Covid hit. The school uniform which had been collected was put in storage and by the time it was possible to start up again Lesley had moved to another parish and the volunteers had found new roles elsewhere. The stored uniform couldn't be ignored, so as the Methodist Church we agreed to host an event to get the uniform out to

people. That was two summers ago and we have gone from strength to strength. Initially, as a very excited individual, I asked Church Council if we could use the hall to host the one-off event. This quickly changed because as people came and took uniform, they donated twice as much. I tentatively asked if we could store it short term. It was quickly obvious that this wasn't going to be a “one-off”, short term project. As word spread that the community wardrobe was back up and running, people were eager to make use of it. The solution was clear, we needed a permanent, downstairs, space where things could be organised, easily accessible, and readily available. Another report to church council and a space was found!

## **Where are we now, and how are we helping to save the planet?**

When we took it over, Community Wardrobe was renamed to save any confusion since the original project had offered more than just clothes. We have a Facebook page “Free, Preloved School Uniform Hub – Sittingbourne Methodists” with nearly 250 followers and our posts have reached almost 950 people. Every Friday for two hours we open the doors to people who want to come and donate uniform or see if we have what they need.

Donations come in all shapes and sizes of course, and thankfully we have

people in the church, on hand, willing to wash clothes, sew buttons on and repair blazers. A stitch in time not only saves nine stitches but can also save £35 for a secondary school blazer. Not everything can be saved despite our best efforts, but if you didn't realise, polo shirts make lovely cleaning cloths and nothing goes in the bin with its buttons still attached!

Now that we have a regular time and space, people are more used to it and we get regular and one-off clients, and people are passing on the message to each other. I often see a comment on a Facebook post stating “This is what I was telling you about”. We do a little more in the school holidays and this July we are planning a three day event with long hours to try and catch everybody, since a common and very fair complaint is that people work Friday mornings. Apart from the fact that we are able to help people in genuine need, what I love most about the hub is the sense of community. Our church based volunteers are always welcoming and ready to listen, as well as sort through piles of trousers to find a good fit, and for the most part those parents and families would never have set foot in our church if it weren't for the uniform hub and we wouldn't have had occasion to meet them.

We are determined for it not to be another charity, organised for people who feel ashamed of their status. Part of the advertising I do through Facebook and schools makes the





point that we are helping to save the planet by recycling, reusing clothes that still have plenty of life left in them. Also I want people in financial need to rub shoulders with people who can afford to buy new but choose not to, and neither will know the others' motives for being there. Helping shouldn't give us the right to feel better than others and receiving help shouldn't make us feel like less worthy human beings. One thing we found amazing, especially during the summer events, is the way things work out so well. One year a lady came, asking for uniform for the boys' grammar school. We couldn't help her, we didn't have what she needed. As we were saying this, another lady came in with a huge bin bag of donations full of boys' grammar school uniform. More than once we have chased after someone to tell them to come back because we suddenly have what they wanted. We also try and work with the schools, asking them to advertise our hub and finding out if they do anything themselves. Knowing what schools do,

such as PTFA uniform sales, means that we can point parents in the right direction if we can't help. I have had to reassure one or two school secretaries that we are not handing out bibles with the polo shirts, but in general they are happy to help, appreciate what we do, and give us a generous amount of lost property in the summer.

### **Are we reaching people for Christ?**

Not directly. We haven't had anyone join the church because of preloved school uniform. We are reaching people as a community though, far more than we ever did before we did the hub and we have wonderful conversations. 1 Peter 3:15 comes to mind *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"* and if anyone asks, we tell them!

Running the hub has taught me so much for which I am thankful. Not least how many schools there are in Sittingbourne and the surrounding villages and how many variations on a school sweatshirt you can come up with! Meeting people, sharing what we do, making connections, realising that a stranger on Messenger is actually a neighbour when they come to donate a bag of clothes. Finding a strong community spirit underneath it all, supported by prayer on an ecumenical level. My regular volunteers are truly lovely too. Together we present an ecumenical, Christian team of support for those that need us, and hopefully we are making a difference, one school skirt at a time.

**Rachel Zakarova**

# A Reflection

From 2 - 5 May 2023, I attended the annual Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, Staffordshire. The Methodist Diaconal Order is both an order of ministry and a Religious Order, living as a dispersed community across the UK and beyond. From Student Deacons to Supernumeraries, attendance at Convocation is part of the Order's discipline until the age of 80, unless a dispensation is granted by the Warden.

Convocation days started early with Holy Communion and finished with late Evening Prayer. Between those times, deacons worshipped, prayed, sang, talked, shared fellowship, caught up with old friends, made new friends and attended to business matters relating to the life of the MDO - as well as attending a range of talks and workshops. The 'Marketplace' offered a range of cards, glasswork and other hand-crafted items, demonstrating some of the many talents contained within the MDO. We listened to an inspiring and challenging address from the President of Conference, the Revd Graham Thompson, who spoke about the realities and challenges currently being faced by the Methodist Church across the Connexion - including the fact that resources are being ever more thinly spread, as we are aware.

As we reflected on our life as a dispersed religious order, we were reminded, particularly at the Service of Rededication when ordination promises were renewed, what it is that we are each called to as deacons and as members of the MDO. It is a good thing to pause and ask ourselves what God is asking us to do and what our calling is. I believe that this is something for everyone, not just deacons and presbyters or those in leadership roles. Following



a considerable period of reflection and consultation, the new Mission Statement was announced at this Convocation:

***'Deacons are ordained to a ministry of service and pastoral care and seek to equip God's people for service in the world.'***

During Convocation someone said that we are all who we are because of each other. As I looked around, I saw people I had trained with, deacons whose Circuit shoes I had stepped into when they had moved on, those who had supported me at various times, former members of selection committees - and others who were not present, like the previous generations of pioneering Wesleyan Deaconesses who helped

to pave the way for today's deacons. I also reflected on the fact that what I believe is true of the MDO, is also true of our church communities, in that 'we are all who we are because of each other'. The next time you are in church, look around you and see those people who have played a role in helping you to be who you are and thank God for each one of them.

With Convocation concluded for another year, members of the Methodist Diaconal Order left fortified and reaffirmed, ready to resume serving in those places to which God has called us.

**Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet**



# *“Young or old, loneliness doesn’t discriminate.”*

The late Jo Cox, MP.

## **Did you know ...?**

Loneliness is something most of us have experienced at different times in our lives, and most of us have found ways of getting over it. But when it’s long-term, loneliness can have a really damaging impact on our lives, and can increase the risk of numerous health problems including depression, coronary heart disease, stroke, and dementia.

Back in May, I had a real treat. As a Warm Spaces Co-ordinator I was invited to attend a *ChurchWorks for Wellbeing Conference* in London. The excellent speakers included the Archbishop of Canterbury (on video) and the amazing Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally. Time and time again during the conference we heard about the importance of the role of churches as being the first line of defence in preventing mental health issues from developing further into severe depression and mental illness. How? Through us being there, being

open to people from our communities who are feeling a bit down, in need of a chat, a listening ear, or just somewhere to sit and have a cup of tea. It’s about the churches welcoming all people, not just those made in **our** own image, but all people.

Churches and their buildings, we were told, are a precious resource. Churches are there to offer a place of welcome, a sanctuary. Warm Spaces, Community Hubs, Coffee Mornings, Knit and Natter groups etc. play an important role in preventing problems of loneliness and solitude worsening and developing into mental health problems and even crises. Anxiety, lack of confidence, loss and bereavement, are all issues that care and company can go some way to healing. Mental health issues have increased hugely since the pandemic in all age groups and, it is said, will only get worse as people struggle with the cost-of-living crisis and other issues. But our presence,

our gifts of hospitality and welcome can make a huge difference. We have seen God at work in this way in many people’s lives since we opened our Warm Space, now the Community Hub at Larkfield. We thank God that we can be part of his team! But how do we reach out? How do we make ourselves known? We’ve found it’s often God who does the inviting. It’s up to us to offer the welcome!

The Wellbeing course offered information about various support materials and courses. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in finding out more.

One last thing: one of our Community Hub “guests” is collecting tins, cans and metal things for recycling, and to raise a bit of money. If you can help by dropping any items to us at Larkfield Methodist Church, we will be very grateful.

**Monica Wilding 07704 105447**

## **Gravesend Community Hub Call for Clothing Donations**



These are the items needed most:

- Men’s shorts ■ Tracksuits ■ Jeans
- Socks, especially light weight
- Trainers in good condition
- Men’s boxer shorts (new), small, medium and large
- Sleeping bags

The Community Hub at Gravesend Methodist Church serves a large number of persons who value the support and ‘Family’ they experience at the Hub.

Part of the Hub’s outreach happens through its clothing bank, which is currently running low on some essential items.

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# North Kent Circuit

## Preaching Plan September – November 2023

|                  |       | SEPTEMBER                |                       |                      |                        | OCTOBER                  |                        |                                   |                       |                                       | NOVEMBER               |                       |                      |                       |  |
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| BEARSTED         | 10.30 | BYARD                    | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>   | SHEPHERD             | LA                     | ZACHAR<br><i>hf</i>      | G HARRIS               | ZACHAR<br><i>us/hc</i>            | TOLHURST              | LA                                    | NEWELL                 | LA                    | WEST                 | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>   |  |
| BURHAM           | 10.30 | –                        | –                     | –                    | –                      | –                        | –                      | –                                 | –                     | –                                     | –                      | OATES<br><i>2pm</i>   | –                    | –                     |  |
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| DENE HOLM        | 11.00 | ROWE                     | LA                    | LA                   | HARFLEET               | LA                       | TERRETT<br><i>hf</i>   | LA                                | LA                    | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>                  | LA                     | DOWNES                | LA                   | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>  |  |
| ECCLES           | 10.30 | LA                       | LA                    | MYLES                | LA                     | WEST<br><i>hc/hf</i>     | LA                     | NEWELL                            | LA                    | LA                                    | LA                     | OATES                 | LA                   | G HARRIS              |  |
| THIRD AVENUE     | 10.30 | SELMES                   | WATTON                | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>  | SELMES<br><i>aa/hf</i> | M HARRIS                 | LA                     | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>               | SELMES                | LA                                    | SELMES                 | MARKOVA               | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>  | LA                    |  |
| GRAVESEND        | 11.00 | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>     | DOWNES                | LA                   | TERRETT<br><i>hf</i>   | BURCH                    | S SMITH                | HUDSON-BEDDOWS                    | GRAY                  | LA                                    | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>   | LA                    | ROWE                 | BYARD                 |  |
| HARTLIP          | 18.30 | GERMAN                   | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>   | LA<br><i>hf</i>      | LA                     | GERMAN                   | GALLAGHER              | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>               | LA                    | M SMITH                               | GERMAN                 | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>   | LA                   | GERMAN                |  |
| HEXTABLE         | 10.30 | LA                       | LBSScott<br><i>hc</i> | LA                   | GRAY                   | LA                       | LBSScott<br><i>hc</i>  | BURCH                             | PACKHAM               | LA                                    | ROWE                   | LBSScott<br><i>hc</i> | S SMITH              | DOWNES                |  |
| HOPE STREET      | 10.30 | LA                       | LEMASONRY             | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>  | LEMASONRY              | THOMPSON                 | WADE                   | LEMASONRY                         | LA                    | CASSELL                               | LEMASONRY              | LEMASONRY             | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>  | LA                    |  |
| KINGSWOOD        | 11.00 | LA<br><i>cc</i>          | HUDSON-BEDDOWS        | BAPTIST              | ANGLICAN<br><i>hc</i>  | LA<br><i>cc</i>          | LA                     | BAPTIST                           | ANGLICAN<br><i>hc</i> | ANGLICAN                              | LA<br><i>cc</i>        | LA                    | LA                   | ANGLICAN<br><i>hc</i> |  |
| LARKFIELD        | 10.00 | WILDING<br><i>9am bc</i> | WEST                  | ROWE<br><i>aa</i>    | TOLHURST<br><i>hc</i>  | WILDING<br><i>9am bc</i> | SHEPHERD               | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i>              | WILDING               | US<br>ST JAMES                        | OATES<br><i>9am bc</i> | LA<br><i>aa</i>       | OATES<br><i>hc</i>   | LA                    |  |
|                  | 3pm   |                          | WILDING<br><i>cc</i>  |                      |                        | LA<br><i>hf-6.30pm</i>   | WILDING<br><i>cc</i>   |                                   |                       |                                       |                        | WILDING<br><i>cc</i>  |                      |                       |  |
| NEWINGTON        | 9.30  | M SMITH                  | LA                    | MARKOVA              | LA                     | KASONGO                  | M SMITH                | US/ <i>hc</i><br><i>@Bearsted</i> | US @ ST<br>MARY'S     | KASONGO                               | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>    | LA                    | WADE                 | M SMITH               |  |
| ST. LUKE'S       | 10.30 | ROBB                     | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>   | LA                   | TROTT                  | SELMES<br><i>aa/hf</i>   | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>    | LA                                | WATTON                | M HARRIS                              | TROTT                  | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>   | TOLHURST             | LA                    |  |
| HOLY TRINITY     | 10.00 | ANG<br><i>hc</i>         | ANG<br><i>mw/hc</i>   | ANG<br><i>hc</i>     | ANG<br><i>mw</i>       | ANG<br><i>hc</i>         | ANG<br><i>mw</i>       | ANG<br><i>mw</i>                  | ANG<br><i>hc</i>      | GALLAGHER                             | ANG<br><i>hc</i>       | ANG<br><i>mw</i>      | ANG<br><i>mw</i>     | ANG<br><i>hc</i>      |  |
| SITTINGBOURNE    | 10.30 | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>      | KASONGO               | LA                   | ZACHAR                 | WATTON                   | WALKER<br><i>ca/hf</i> | US/ <i>hc</i><br><i>@Bearsted</i> | WADE                  | ZACHAR                                | LA                     | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>   | HOLLANDS             | M HARRIS              |  |
| SPITAL STREET    | 10.30 | HARFLEET                 | LA                    | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i> | LA                     | ROWE                     | LA                     | DOWNES                            | LA                    | HARFLEET                              | LA                     | HUDSON-BEDDOWS        | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i> | GRAY                  |  |
| STOKE            | 18.30 | –                        | –                     | –                    | –                      | –                        | –                      | –                                 | –                     | –                                     | ROBB                   | –                     | –                    | –                     |  |
| PENINSULA STROOD | 10.30 | M HARRIS                 | LA                    | SIU                  | LA                     | ROBB                     | BYARD                  | M HARRIS                          | TROTT                 | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i>                  | MYLES                  | LA                    | TROTT                | SELMES<br><i>hc</i>   |  |
| SWANSCOMBE       | 10.45 | LA                       | LA                    | TERRETT<br><i>hf</i> | LA                     | LA                       | HARFLEET               | LA                                | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>  | LA                                    | GRAY                   | LA                    | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i> | LA                    |  |
| TONBRIDGE RD     | 10.30 | TOLHURST<br><i>hc</i>    | LA                    | WEST                 | WILDING                | JONES                    | ZACHAR<br><i>hc</i>    | LA                                | PICKARD               | LA                                    | BYARD                  | SHEPHERD              | WEST                 | OATES<br><i>hc</i>    |  |
| THE BRENT        | 10.30 | GRAY                     | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>  | LA                   | HUDSON-BEDDOWS         | TERRETT<br><i>hf</i>     | LA                     | MYLES                             | LA                    | DOWNES                                | LA                     | TERRETT<br><i>hc</i>  | LA                   | BURCH                 |  |
| UNION STREET     | 10.30 | LA                       | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i>  | NEWELL               | PICKARD<br><i>hf</i>   | LA                       | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i>   | US @ URC<br>ROYAL                 | G HARRIS              | LA<br><i>4pm</i> PICKARD<br><i>rs</i> | WEST                   | PICKARD<br><i>hc</i>  | JONES                | PICKARD               |  |
| ONLINE SERVICES  | 10.30 | PICKARD                  | SIU                   | LBSScott             | THIRD AVE              | PICKARD                  | SIU                    | LBSScott                          | THIRD AVE             | BURCH                                 | PICKARD                | HARFLEET              | LBSScott             | THIRD AVE             |  |

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