

### Prayer for the Persecuted Church

#### Sudan - World Watch List no 4

Somali believers in the Horn of Africa often keep their faith completely secret. Islam is an important part of Somali identity, and for a Somali person to decide to leave Islam and follow Jesus is seen as a huge betrayal – and one that could lead to immediate execution by Islamic extremists.

But despite the enormous risks, Muktar\* leads a church of secret believers in this region. He says, “Our vision is to reach the Somali people according to their language and culture and plant churches among them.”

But his work is lonely and dangerous – and the prayers and support of people like you have been vital in helping him to keep going. Open Doors has helped him to start a small business and has given him training in disciplining secret believers.

He says, “When I met Open Doors, I was exhausted and discouraged. I believe it is God who helped me by bringing me into contact with your ministry at the right time. Please pray for us. We always pray for all of you.”

PLEASE PRAY:

- For protection and provision for secret believers and church leaders in the Horn of Africa, and encouragement for those who are struggling
- That isolated believers would be able to find fellowship in secret churches like Muktar’s
- That God would change the hearts of extremists who are targeting Christians in the Horn of Africa, and call them to repentance.

\* name changed for security reasons  
*Information provided by Open Doors*



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

See our website on <http://www.speldhurst.org/church>

## ST MARY'S CHURCH SPELDHRST



We welcome any visitors and friends to our worship today



### 5th August 2018

#### Tenth Sunday after Trinity

**10.30 am Summer Worship at Burrswood - 'Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven'.**

Meet on the main terrace at Burrswood for a wander in the grounds to explore our theme, finishing with Communion in the Church of Christ the Healer, Burrswood at 12 noon

**6 pm Evensong (Karol Leeves)**

*Readings: Ephesians 4:1-16 (p.1175) (Eric Roughley)*

*John 6:24-35 (p.1070) (Lynn Poulson)*

*Hymns: A&M 172; 262; 246; 214*

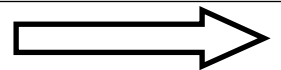
*Psalm 78:23-29*

#### Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity



Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**See over for the rest of August**



Please note this newsheet is for the month of August.  
Please keep it to refer to during the course of the next few weeks.  
All items for inclusion in the next newsheet should reach the office by

**FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST at 9 a.m.**

**01892 861187 or e-mail:  
speldhurst.church@btoopenworld.com**

## 12th August 2018

### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8 am

**Holy Communion (Douglas Wren)**

*Readings: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 (p.1176)*

*John 6:35,41-51 (p.1070) (Mark and Jane Hewlett)*

**Variable times Summer Worship - 'Give us today our daily bread'.**

This week Home Groups have the opportunity to do their own thing. If you are not in a Home Group and would like to join in please contact Douglas on douglas.wren12@gmail.com or 01892 862821.



*Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## 19th August 2018

### Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am

**Summer Worship - 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'**

**Café Communion in Speldhurst Village Hall**

6 pm

**Evensong (Douglas Wren)**

*Readings: Ephesians 5:15-20 (p.1176) (Sandy Scott)*

*John 6:51-58 (p.1071) (Jean Angus)*

*Hymns: A&M 336; SoF 303; A&M 343; A&M 180*

*Psalm 34:9-14*



*Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us :  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### *Speldhurst Post Office and Stores*

Do you like having a Post Office and Stores in Speldhurst?

Do you want it to stay that way?

Have your say!

After 6 years at the helm, Anu is seeking a buyer for the Post Office and Stores.

Thank you, Anu and your team, for your hard work in keeping this important community amenity alive. **If no buyer is found in the near future the most likely outcome will be closure.** A Community run store MAY be an option if sufficient support (expertise, time, money....) exists in the Village and surrounding areas.

**AS A FIRST STEP PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY**

**BY 20th AUGUST**

This can be found at:- [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QNGKSSH](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QNGKSSH)

If you prefer a paper copy these can be found in the porch at St Mary's, at the Post Office or in the George & Dragon OR contact Edward Pinnell on 01892 863300 or [edward.pinnell@btconnect.com](mailto:edward.pinnell@btconnect.com)

### *Grant from Ecclesiastical*

St. Mary's was very grateful to receive a grant of £130 from Ecclesiastical Insurance for general purposes during the last quarter. This grant was paid because this year is the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ecclesiastical and they have decided that for any person or family switching their house insurance to Ecclesiastical this year they will donate £130 to the church of that policyholder's choice. One family in St. Mary's switched their home insurance to Ecclesiastical this year and so the company paid this grant of £130 to St. Mary's.

### **The Recovery Course - begins Tuesday 11th Sept 2018**

**Tonbridge Baptist Church, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge, TN10 3HZ**

Are you struggling with an addiction to Drugs, Alcohol, Pornography, Sex, Gambling, Food, Social Media or some other secret habit or compulsive behaviour that is spoiling your life? Then why not try the Recovery Course, a free 15 session Christian programme for adults based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Food is served each week at 7pm. To register and for more information email [info@recoverytwo.org](mailto:info@recoverytwo.org)

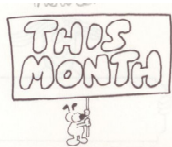


### *Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride*

*Saturday 8th September*

*10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

We need your support. Are you interested in riding (or walking) around some of our local churches? Sponsor forms are now available from the Church Office, together with a list of the churches which will be taking part. Half of the money raised goes to Kent Churches to help with maintenance and repair of churches which do not have enough funds coming in, and the rest goes to St Mary's.



Monday to Friday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesdays	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice
Friday 10th	10 am - 12 noon	Bellringing Practice
Saturday 11th	1.30 pm	Wedding of Nicky Markovic and Laura Streeter
Tuesday 14th	2.30 - 3.15 pm	Visiting Bellringers
Saturday 18th	9.45 am	Visit of group from Hove
Wednesday 22nd	11.30 pm	Funeral Service for Peggy Thorpe <i>followed by</i> Burial in Churchyard
Saturday 1st September	9.30 am - 1.30 pm	Tonbridge District Bellringing Training day

## SERVICES ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED PARISH

### Sunday 5th August

St Martin's, Ashurst	10 am	Village Worship (Karol Leeves)
St John's, Groombridge	11 am	Morning Prayer (led by the Churchwardens)

### Sunday 12th August

St John's, Groombridge	11 am	Holy Communion (1662) (Douglas Wren & Rev Sharon Francis)
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No separate service at St Martin's, Ashurst

### Sunday 19th August

St Martin's, Ashurst	6 pm	Evensong (David Lamey)
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No separate service at St John's, Groombridge

### Sunday 26th August

St Martin's, Ashurst	11 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) (Douglas Wren)
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No separate service at St John's, Groombridge



Sam and Rosie Cocks who were married here on August 4th; Nicky Markovic and Laura Streeter as they prepare for their wedding on 11th August; the family and friends of Peggy Thorpe as they prepare for her funeral; and from St Mary's Prayer Cycle:

- 1) Langton Road
- 2) The children and staff of Speldhurst CEP School and Speldhurst Nursery School
- 3) The students and staff of Bennett Memorial School and other local schools
- 4) Home Groups, Men's Fellowship and Mothers' Union

## 26th August 2018

### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8 am Holy Communion (1662) (Douglas Wren)**  
*Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20 (p.1177) (Jan MacDonald)*  
*John 6:56-69 (p.1071) (Sandy Scott)*

**10.30 am Summer Worship - 'Lead us not into temptation'**  
**This is Messy Camp Weekend (see below for details).**  
**Gather in Speldhurst School Hall for Messy Church.**

*Back by popular demand!*



Come and join the St Mary's Camping Extravaganza – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (the Bank Holiday Weekend).

Just bring a tent, some breakfast and whatever you like to drink!

Set up from 2pm on Saturday afternoon, then join in with fun activities before a **free** barbecue around 6pm.

Venue – Speldhurst school field OR Adamswell Campsite (tbc)

Any questions, or to book your place, please contact Julie Pinnell on 01892 863300 or return the form which you will find at the back of church.



**And don't forget** Messy Church at 10.30 am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August in Speldhurst School hall. All welcome

*Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*



Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 2nd September 2018

### Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

**11 am Summer Worship - 'but deliver us from evil'**  
**Outdoor Communion in the garden of The Rectory**  
**followed by Bring and Share BBQ**

**6 pm Evensong (Karol Leeves)**

*Readings: James 1:17-27 (p.1213) (Lynn Poulson)*  
*Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 (p.1010) (Eric Roughley)*  
*Hymns: SoF 475; A&M 238; A&M 129; A&M 235*  
*Psalm 15*