



The Key

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Welcome to the Eden Church. If this is your first visit with us we pray that you have an enjoyable time. Please stay for coffee or tea after the service where we look forward to meeting with you.

Encourage your Pastor

The Bible says King Josiah 'set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of the house of the LORD'. Josiah did two things: he instructed them, and he encouraged them. Why? Because one without the other doesn't work! How often have you left church feeling lifted, encouraged and inspired by the sermon? Question: Have you ever thought of telling your pastor how much it meant to you, or sending them an email to let them know you appreciate their ministry? Pastors get more kicks than kisses. Some 37 per cent quit the ministry because of discouragement. Did you know that? Even the great apostle Paul got discouraged: 'When we arrived in Macedonia province, we couldn't settle down. The fights in the church and the fears in our hearts kept us on pins and needles. We couldn't relax because we didn't know how it would turn out. Then the God who lifts up the downcast lifted our heads and our hearts with the arrival of Titus. We were glad just to see him, but the true reassurance came in what he told us about you: how much you cared...how concerned you were for me. I went from worry to tranquillity in no time!' (2 Corinthians 7:5-7 MSG). Titus encouraged Paul in two ways: 1) By showing up. 'We were glad just to see him.' Like it or not, when you don't go to church you're saying, 'Pastor, you're not worth coming to hear.' 2) By offering encouragement. 'True reassurance came in what he told us.' This week, encourage your pastor.

From The Word for Today. <http://www.ucb.co.uk/>

free issues of the daily devotional are available for the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Today Communion – Mel

When the service has finished, please help stack the chairs from Hall 1 and the church at the front of the church.

This Week

Monday 20th

Sparkling Fishes 09:30 – 11:30

ALPHA Week 6. 7:30pm

Prayer for Alpha at Helen Holbrook's house from 8pm.

Tuesday 21st

Ministry Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 23rd

BSF Women's Bible Study. 10am.

Saturday 25th

07:30 Prayer meeting at the church.

Next Sunday 26th February

All Age Service – Ron, Dorothy & Mel.

Sunday 5th March

After service at 12.15pm there will be a Church Meeting. Primary topic is on Church Cafe and going forward with it.

House Groups.

If you do not currently attend a group you will be welcome to join one of the groups. Please speak to the group leader.

David Adamson & Emma Jonas hold a weekly Bible Study on **Thursday 10:45am**.

Please speak to them regarding current venue.

Colin & Pat Miller hold a weekly meeting on **Wednesday 8pm**

Bible Basics Group meeting on Wednesday at Ron & Dorothy's.

Inter-Church Fellowship bible study group meets at Ron & Dorothy's House on **alternate Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11.45** A crèche can be arranged if needed.

Next meeting 28th February. More info ring 862121

Please speak to one of the Leadership Team If you would like prayer or wish to discuss any matters.

Melanie Commandeur (Minister) (01732 667438). Day off Friday.

Ron Sutton (Elder) (862121); Julie Barry (Elder) (07799 130557); Patrick Moore (Elder) (864275); Richard Wheeler (Elder)(01342 850873) : Carole Jenkins(Elder)(863564) : Martin Perrett (Secretary) (863797): Heddwyn Jenkins (Treasurer) (863564):

Dates for your Diary.

Wednesday 1st March

Prayer & Worship 8 – 9:30pm

Dates for your Diary.(Cont.)

Thursday 2nd March

Traidcraft stall with food and crafts, in Bridges 09:30 – 12:30

Fairtrade Fortnight is February 27th to March 12th. See Powerpoint display before service.

Friday 3rd March

EDEN KIDS BIG SLEEPOVER. See Powerpoint display before service and details previously sent to the Fellowship.

Friday 3rd March

Women's World Day of Prayer. This years service is at St. Lawrence's RC Church on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm. The service has been prepared by the women of The Philippines. Bright clothes are requested and all are welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.

Saturday 11th March.

Come and join us for Messy Movies. Enjoy ice cream, popcorn and a movie aimed at primary school aged kids from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £2 per ticket. Speak to Lizzie for details.

Also Mega Movies (for the 10 + age group) on the same dates above 7:30 – 10pm. Speak to Myriam for details.

Tuesday 14th March

London City Mission Annual Meeting 2:30pm. Speaker: Steve Taylor, Grove Chapel, Camberwell. We are the hosts this year, so please support the meeting. If you can provide cakes for refreshments please tell Gary or Brenda. Please bring a tin (or two) for the mission's food bank.

Thanks,

Gary and Barbara

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please note that Colin is no longer collecting bottle tops. Please re-cycle them with other plastic.

The next edition of the Key will be on 26th February.

All items for publication should be sent to

key@edenchurch.edenkent.org no later than 17:00 on

Thursday 23rd February.

	Today	26th February	5th March
Welcome	Helen P & David A	Ron & Dorothy	Helen P & Glenys
Flowers	Dorothy	Glenys	Karen K
Coffee	Felicity & Anne S	Myriam & Eden Youth	David & Maryse
Key Leader		David C	Martin
Setup	David F.	Heddwyn	VOLUNTEER

Edenbridge Medical Services Consultation.

As promised, we are now able to start the public consultation on the proposed exciting opportunities for the future of health services in Edenbridge and surrounding area starting today, **Wednesday 1 February until 26 April 2017**. The consultation documents, information and online survey are on the CCG website <http://www.westkentccg.nhs.uk/edenbridgefuture>

We will be asking you about four potential options for a new combined hospital/GP surgery in Edenbridge and telling you about our preferred option. We think this is a real opportunity which will benefit the residents, patients and staff in Edenbridge and surrounding areas gain a modern fit for purpose facility and secure medical services in Edenbridge for the future.

We know you have been waiting to take part - there were rather more processes to go through than we anticipated back in the Summer - and hope you can encourage others to become involved. There will be several ways you can contribute: via surveys

online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/edenbridge>, or on paper, by sending the CCG a letter or email, or coming to one of the public meetings at

- **Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Monday 13 March 4 to 5pm**
- **WI Hall, Station Road, hosted by Tom Tugendhat MP Saturday 25 March 11.30 am to 1pm**
- **Edenbridge Leisure Centre, Stangrove Park, Tuesday 25 April 6.30 to 8.30pm**

If you have a group who are interested in our plans and would like the CCG to come to your group and talk, or provide information at an event please let us know by contacting: engagement.secsu@nhs.net or call 03000 424348

We want to know what you and your family and neighbours think of our plans, and continue the discussions started last year.

<http://www.westkentccg.nhs.uk/edenbridgefuture>

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting. The document will be available in hard copy from Tuesday in the surgery, the memorial hospital, the Eden Centre, the Council Offices, the Churches - it will take a little longer to get them to outlying villages - Bridges and the Leisure Centre. There will be posters around the Town.