



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.

Mother's Day brings out a lot of thoughts and memories both happy and sad. The events last Wednesday regrettably brought really tragic events in a number of people's lives. It highlights the fragility of life and the suddenness with which the path of life changes for many people.

When I read about the tragic deaths of the innocent people I was angry - no – very, very angry that peoples' minds can be so badly twisted to a point where they think violence is the answer. IT IS NOT.

Our Christian beliefs are very much of LOVE & COMPASSION. I prayed that all people affected by this will somehow let LOVE & understanding come to the fore. These cannot be empty words. We must all pray – particularly today – for 2 young children who have lost their mother and for the other victims' families & friends that the love & compassion that Jesus has for us all will break through into their lives to help overcome such tragedy.

Today

All Age Service – Mel.

N.B. BST starts today – clocks go forward 1 hour.

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 27th

Sparkling Fishes 09:30 – 11:30. **N.B Last meeting until 24th April.**

Tuesday 28th

Marilyn Baker Concert. See below.

Thursday 30th

BSF Women's Bible Study. 10am.

This Week(Cont)

Saturday 1st April

07:30 Prayer meeting at the church.

Next Sunday 2nd April
Morning Service – Mary.

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 March. 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.

Tuesday 28th March

You are invited to a concert given by **Marilyn Baker** (Christian Singer / Songwriter) with Tracy Williamson. At **Dormansland Baptist Church (7 High Street, Dormansland. RH7 6PU) Tuesday, March 28th at 2.30 p.m.**

followed by refreshments. Please park in Memorial Hall Car Park (100 yards)
Part of our celebration of the bi-centenary of the church building

Wednesday 5th April

Prayer & Worship 8 – 9:30pm

Good Friday 14th April – Please note amended times.

10.00 - Service of readings, songs and reflections on the first Good Friday. At the Eden Church.

11.30 - Starting at Riverside - United Walk of Witness and prayers ending **around 12 noon** or just after, at Eden Centre with Hot Cross Buns and Coffee.

Dates for your Diary.(Cont)

Thursday 20th April

Holy Trinity Crockham Hill. 7:45pm. Music for Soprano, Organ & Trumpet.
A concert by Musica Sacra Ensemble. www.musica-sacra-ensemble.com

London City Mission

Thanks to those who helped at the meeting on 14th .

The offering was £172 ,plus a generous gift of £750.

We were also able to send a large quantity of groceries for the Mission's food bank.

Gary and Barbara.

Church Diary

Are you planning or want to plan an event here in the Eden Church??

Please talk to Mary Perrett (mary.perrett@icloud.com) before you make arrangements to ensure that the church space is available. Mary holds the church diary and will be able to confirm your requirements.

The next edition of the Key will be on 2nd April.

All items for publication should be sent to

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

Thursday 30th March.

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	Today	2nd April	9th April
Welcome	Helen P & David A	Ron & Dorothy	Mavis & Glenys
Flowers	Dorothy	Glenys	VOLUNTEER
Coffee	Francois & Anne S	Ron & Dorothy	Ann J & Felicity
Key Leader	David C	Dorothy	Mary
Setup	David F	Heddwyn	VOLUNTEER

Sunday 21st May.

EDEN:KIDS We are going to have a **bring and share lunch** on; SUNDAY 21st MAY 1 - 3pm At the church

It would be amazing if all the parents, leaders and kids could come along. Let's eat, have fun and enjoy each other's company. I will give a brief (I promise to give a stopwatch to one of the kids to stop me rabbiting on too much) overview of EDEN:KIDS projects and we will be able to discuss what went well last year, What you would like to see happening again and what you would like to change.

If everyone could bring something to share and we will put it all on one table. Families involved in Messy Movies and Sparkling fishes are all invited so it should be great fun (and a great opportunity to walk across the room a few times too perhaps)

Lizzie.

THE PRAYER BOXES

As many of you may have noticed there is an ever increasing number of beautiful, exciting and creative boxes appearing on our windowsill each week. These are the EDEN:KIDS prayer boxes. The kids have been adding to their boxes each week while we look at prayer. The creations inside range from science experiments to prayer stones and I know that they will be a great tool to remember the lessons we have been taught when they take them home after Easter. Everyone one involved ... I would like every member of the church to add to these boxes. It can be whatever you want, a letter, a card, a picture, a little present. The most important thing is that you pray about what to put in ... let God guide you and be creative. Pray for the child and then pray for all the kids.

Important note - DO NOT place anything directly into the boxes -- all items must come via myself or Mel.

Lizzie.

CLC Bookshop Tonbridge.

The bookshop is now closed on Mondays.

CLC also has a Job Vacancy - Part Time Bookshop Sales Assistant for the Bookshop in Tonbridge. Please contact the store direct 01732 364897 E-mail: tonbridge@clcbookshops.com