

CONTACT

June 2026

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The anglican and methodist church of



St. Andrew
Paddock Wood

Registered Charity No. 1137783



Services - June 2026

7th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	
14th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Church Lite	
21th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	(Father's Day)
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	
28th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Morning Worship	
	4:15 pm	Messy Church	(Moved to avoid Father's Day)

Parish Prayer

Lord God, we ask you to bless St. Andrew's. Strengthen our fellowship, that we may support and encourage each other.

Guide us in our daily lives, and help us to be instruments of your peace and love, reaching out to those in need and showing compassion to all.

May St. Andrew's be a beacon of hope and a source of comfort to all who seek your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FAIR TRADE SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday Mornings
10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Sunday Morning - between services
and 11.30 am - 12.00 noon

Material for the **July/August 2026** issue of *Contact* should be sent to contact.magazine@standrewspw.org.uk by **1st June but the earlier the better!** (If you do not have access to email please call the Church Office on 01892 837617).

The editor reserves the right to amend, curtail or refuse contributions.
Cover Photo - Dave Cross

From the Ministry Team:

Sharing Our Story - Spreading Encouragement

June 11 is the feast day of St. Barnabas. He was born as Joseph, or possibly Josés, but was better known as Barnabas, which means “son of encouragement”. He was a prominent Christian disciple and is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. He was a travelling companion of St. Paul, who refers to him in several of his letters to the emerging churches in the first century AD. His life is well-documented and there’s much I could tell you, but we need to leave that for another time.

What I do want to tell you about is our “Barnabas Slot”, which has become a regular feature in some of our 10.30 am church services. During this time, anyone in the congregation can come up and share with us anything in their lives which they found encouraging, the telling of which helps to encourage others in their daily lives and their journey with Jesus. This is in keeping with St. Barnabas’ practice of encouraging others, which earned him this name – hence the title of this part of the service.

These stories are many and varied. They range from the kindness of strangers when one church family member had a nasty fall in the street, to spontaneous chats with strangers leading to inspiration and encouragement. They include amazing moments of healing, recovery from a serious illness which seemed impossible, remarkable recuperation from serious operations, or experiencing unexpected peace during



a stressful or difficult time. There are accounts of apparent coincidences. One striking account was when a member of our congregation was offered a job which they couldn’t accept due to lack of transport but was offered a new bike out of the blue by someone who wasn’t even aware of the situation, or the impact this generous gift would have. Some of the accounts are dramatic, whilst others are more subtle. Many are simply people wanting to thank the church members for their prayers and support. For just being there.

Above all, the Barnabas Slot is a time for good news stories, so important when the bulk of the news that assails our ears is so negative and distressing. It’s a real tonic to hear about God’s direct and indirect actions, both great and small, dramatic and subtle, in the lives of ordinary peoples.

It’s high time we broadened the scope of this Barnabas time, so more people can share and benefit from this immense source of encouragement. We invite **you** to contact us, anonymously if you prefer, to share some extraordinary Barnabas moments in your life, so we can share

your experience with other *Contact* readers, and we hope to extend this to our social media too.

So, come on - let's make Paddock Wood a source of encouragement!

Stephen Pághány

If you would like to share an experience of God at work in your life, please email contact.magazine@standrews.pw.org. Contributions will be published anonymously unless you consent to your name being included.

What is Holy Communion?

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body". Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:26-28).

Familiar words, that you will have heard said in church on many Sundays if you are a regular churchgoer, as Rev. Mark or Rev. Kirsty pray over the bread and wine at the communion table. But what is communion all about, and why do we celebrate it?

Holy Communion is one of the two sacraments in the Bible that Jesus took part in/did, that we continue today (the other is Baptism). When we speak the words, when we share in the bread and the wine, we are continuing a tradition that back thousands of years. For me, it's not just looking back. Communion is something that connects us to the past, brings us to the now, and unites us with the future. In taking the cup and the bread, we are united. United with those who at St. Andrew's have taken it in the past and gone to glory or moved away. United with the people we stand alongside on that day and share bread and wine. United with all those in the future who will do the same. We take communion because Jesus did it, the early church did it, and future generations will do so too.

But sharing in the bread and wine is more than that. After Jesus' resurrection, we read the story of Jesus and two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight* (Luke 24:29-31).



In this account, Jesus was revealed to the disciples in the breaking and sharing of the bread. For me, when we take communion, we are opening our hearts and mind to a fresh revelation of Jesus in our life. Just as we do every time we step into church for worship, or open the Bible, we come with expectant hearts that Jesus is going to turn up and change us. As we share the bread and wine together, we have that hope of fresh expectations of Jesus doing something powerful in our lives.

For me, communion is uniting and revealing, and open to all who desire it. Our table at St. Andrew's is open to all who love the Lord and wish to respond. We have a requirement as an Anglican Parish Church, to celebrate communion in the Parish every Sunday, so you will always be able to take communion at either 9 am or 10.30 am. Once a month, it is led by Rev. Kirsty, recognising we are also a Methodist Church.

So open your hearts to what Jesus will do, is doing and has done in the past, and what fresh revelations he has for you, when we share the bread and wine together each Sunday.

Rev. Mark Montgomery

What does the Trinity mean for us?

At the end of May, the church celebrated Trinity Sunday. This is a time to think about God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The concept of the Trinity can be rather 'heavy-going' theologically. The big conundrum is that we worship One God. However, God exists as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God, yet three persons. An analogy I sometimes use is H₂O, two atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen. It exists in three forms: liquid (water), solid (ice), gas (steam). They look and feel very different, but they are all H₂O.

But I also try not to get bogged down in the theology of it. Rather, I prefer to use the concept of the Trinity as an opportunity to think about the different ways in which God relates to us and we can relate to Him:



Father: Creator of all that is (including us!). Gaze up at a starry night sky. God made all that. But the really amazing thing is that he loves each one of us as a precious child, despite the many times we go astray. In our dealings with other people, we should remember that God loves them too (even the really irritating ones!). In our care for the planet (as Rev. Kirsty points out elsewhere in this issue), we should remember that we are caretakers for God's creation.

Son: On the cross, Jesus paid – once and for all – the penalty for the wrongdoing of all humankind. Through Him, we are forgiven for our many shortcomings. More than that, His resurrection shows us that death is not the end, but the start of a different form of life. In Jesus, we see what God is really like: we see His love, His willingness to forgive, His concern for those who are not valued by society.

Holy Spirit: The word for Spirit can also be translated as ‘breath’: God breathing new life into us. A New Testament title for the Holy Spirit is ‘parakletos’. This means (amongst other things) ‘encourager’, ‘enabler’, ‘strengtheners’. It is through the Holy Spirit that God guides us, encourages us, and strengthens us. The Holy Spirit speaks to us in a ‘gentle whisper’, so we have to listen carefully for that guidance (hence the need for times of quiet in our prayers).

Peter Hungerford-Welch

St. Andrew's @ Paddock Wood Carnival

In a previous article (October 2025), I reflected on the role of (our) church within the wider community.

There are countless examples of powerful and God-inspired activities within the walls of St. Andrew's. Let us instead consider a single event in our community to remind ourselves of why it is important for a church to engage fully with its wider community.



The Paddock Wood Carnival, this year held on **Sunday 12th July**, is a prominent annual event within our town.

It is Paddock Wood's biggest event of the year and has run for over 30 years. The Carnival Parade and Fete attracts over 2,000 people from far and wide.

For many residents attending the Carnival, a significant proportion may have had very limited prior engagement with our church, if any at all. What a wonderful opportunity this event presents for purposeful *connection*...

For many churches, participation in community events is a core part of their mission, being rooted in the principle to “love your neighbour as yourself”. A

logical extension of wider community presence is surely that, by moving beyond church walls, we (St. Andrew's) can serve as a vital hub for local development, providing practical support and fostering a sense of belonging for residents.

Of course, we do that to a successful degree already *but* there is huge scope to do more. For those individuals who have yet to engage with St. Andrew's in a meaningful sense, perhaps we need to be more proactive in extending a welcome to where people dwell or gather, rather than rolling out the proverbial welcome mat at the church and expecting people to be magically drawn to us.

My previous article reflected on the benefits to the community of church outreach (inc. addressing social needs, support for vulnerable people / groups, inclusion, crisis response). Let us also consider the benefits to St. Andrew's of community outreach:



- Active participation in local outreach builds public trust and raises the church's visibility, which can attract new members and enhance its reputation.
- Research suggests that churches that prioritise community service and social action are more likely to see growth in their membership.
- Engaging in service allows church members to put their faith into practice, fostering qualities such as empathy, humility, and leadership.
- Collaborating with other local organisations (schools, charities, Town Council, businesses) allows churches to amplify their impact and reach a broader audience.

Unashamedly, I reiterate that St. Andrew's is a wonderful church in so many ways; yet society faces serious challenges, and we are uniquely placed, indeed obligated, to respond. For the good of our community, and dare I suggest, the good of our church...?

Siobhan MacKay

Coffee Shop

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
10.00 - 12 noon
in The Foyer
All welcome

Craft Club at the Coffee Shop

Wednesday 10th & 24th June
10.00 - 12 noon in The Foyer
All welcome

Geocaching

Many of you know I am an ardent geocacher. It is a great hobby that gets you out and about and makes you think. The pet definition is that I use multi-million pound satellites to find Tupperware in the woods!

To start you need to register on the website: geocaching.com – it is free but that restricts what you can look for – you can opt for premium membership at around £20.00 per annum.

To find a geocache you need a smart phone with the app loaded. As you get more involved, you could purchase a GPS. It is best to arm yourself with the basic tools – a pen, tweezers, notepaper, torch. Other things come later with experience.

You will need to familiarise yourselves with the grid reference system. When you look at the map you will see various little circles. The green ones are basic, so start with these. The brown ones are little puzzles – go to a place, find the answer to a question, convert the answer to a grid reference, and go find. There are other types of puzzle that you can discover later.

Having selected your target geocache, read the description carefully and make a note of the hint. You may be looking for a film pot, a little tube, a Tupperware pot, or something more exotic.

Head off and use the app to approach the geocache. Accuracy is usually about 10ft – this is where the hint comes in handy (such as base of tree, base of post, hanging, 4 feet up in holly etc.)

When you find it, sign the log sheet and register your find on the app.

Some of the larger cache containers contain trinkets (the sort of thing you get in a Christmas cracker). You can take one out provided you put something in.

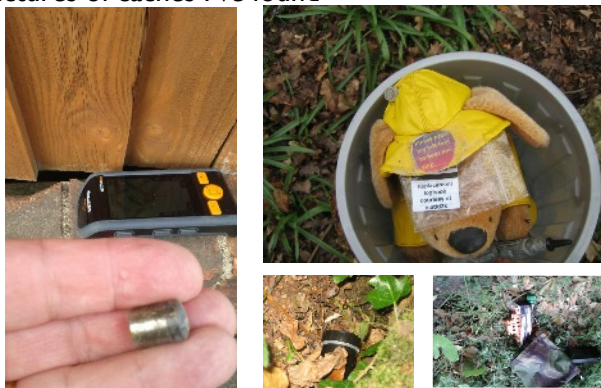
And on to the next one – my find count is currently 5,875. I have found caches in England, Wales and Scotland, France and Spain. I'm off to Thailand in the summer. It is a worldwide game.

If plodding through woods and fields is not your bag, then the alternative is Adventure labs (another app). This usually involves walking round on pavements. If you want to try it out, do my Paddock Wood stroll.

It does become an obsession. Whilst lying in my hospital bed, I realised there was a cache just outside the hospital on a bench beside the Thames, so when I went back for a review I just had to go and find it.

On 1st May, I completed a 3.5 mile walk from Rolvenden around the Hole Park estate, looking for 24 caches. I found 21 – some were missing.

A few pictures of caches I've found



If you fancy giving it a try, feel free to ask me to accompany you – the best days are Fridays and Saturdays.

Brian Banks

PADDOCK WOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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4:30-10pm

CARNIVAL & FETE

Sun. July 12

12-4:30pm

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God's Creation

Let's talk science! Have you come across the words exothermic and endothermic? Exothermic reactions give out energy; endothermic reactions use energy. Evaporation is an endothermic reaction. If you're hot and spray yourself with water, it cools you down because the water evaporates off your skin and it takes energy for that to happen. If you step out of a steamy bathroom into your bedroom it feels much cooler because more water can evaporate when there's not so much in the air. If you hold a rubber band stretched, you'll feel it get warmer because the potential kinetic energy (kinetic means movement) that is build up is exothermic, so it gives off heat.

This matters because we can't make new energy. When we want electricity, we harvest it or convert it. Hydropower comes from the movement – the kinetic energy – of water.

It's an eternal cycle of energy. Some of it is useful to us, some of it freed to the atmosphere and some of it stored. The name 'renewable' is a bit of a misnomer, because all energy sources are renewable ... we can renew the stocks of oil, we just need some organic material, 10,000 years and a huge amount of pressure! The difference with what we call renewable energy is that we can access it every day – solar power, hydropower, wind power. We don't have to wait thousands of years. Also, the by-products are much less dangerous.

When we burn oil or coal, they don't burn cleanly – dangerous byproducts are released. That's why in Britain all our cars must have catalytic converters. On Grenada, in the Caribbean, that isn't the case and it's very noticeable as you wander along the road breathing in the fumes!

The Bible tells us that God's word is like energy. Imperishable. The promise of the saving power of Jesus doesn't wane or disappear. God's love existed for our world from before it came into being, and will long outlast its life, let alone the life of humanity on Earth.

Jesus is described as the living word of God. What is it that we see in Jesus? Whilst Jesus was on the Earth, he used it to help those around him. He sat on mountain tops when he talked about deep theological things. He used imagery of water and fire. He used creation to make clear the gospel of God's love. Each parable and image helped his listeners to understand. The lilies of the field and the birds of the air story says 'Jehovah Jireh': God provides. When we see water for baptism, we see God cleanses and justifies us. When we see sheep in the fields, we know we are each called by name and we can know God's voice. Creation glorifies God. We can see God in the world around us, and soak in His presence as we inhabit the Earth that He gifted to us.

But we shouldn't just soak it in, we should live it out. There are a lot of big issues on the world stage today that we need to address. We need to look at how we use the Earth that God has given us, remembering that the impact of how we use the Earth's resources falls on other people. For example:



1. When we produce smog and dirty air, it impacts the most vulnerable first. There is a huge rise in childhood asthma in cities that have high air pollution.
2. Very often the wind carries our polluted air to other places around the world: the impact isn't just on us, it's on other people.
3. We produce a demand that leads to the 'resource curse'. Geographers have noted that countries rich in resources are the ones that are often pulled into war – we have an example of that now. It's been true for many many years. A lot of the gang-warfare and conflict that we see in places like the Congo is down to access rights to Cobalt.

Pentecost is a time when we are sent out over all the Earth to take the message of Jesus' hope and life to all. Part of that is going out and appreciating the world that God has given us, protecting a world that glorifies God, and caring for others as we care for His creation.

Rev. Kirsty McGhee

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that supported the Clucas Bake Sale on Good Friday.

We raised an incredible £152 which will go towards Rosie's World Challenge Fund. Thank you also to those of you who have very kindly donated online. If anyone else would like to contribute, please go to the following website:

<https://gofund.me/5d297811b>

Rosie is raising money to travel to Sri Lanka with her school next July (2027), where she will be trekking through the tea fields and the rainforest and taking part in vital conservation work for the local elephants. We are aiming to run more events over the next year and a bit, so watch this space for updates and announcements.

Once again thank you very much!

THE CLUCAS FAMILY

From the editor:

Subscriptions for Contact magazine

Annual subscriptions are due in June/July, so please expect the person who delivers your magazine to collect your subscription soon. With a subscription, you get *Contact* delivered to your door.

Unfortunately, due to an increase in production costs, we are having to raise the cost of the annual subscription to £6 (60p per issue: we have 10 issues per year as the July/August and December/January issues each cover two months).

Even with this price increase, *Contact* is running at a loss. We really need to increase the number of subscribers. You can help in two ways. The first is to encourage other people to subscribe. The second is to help with the distribution, as there are some parts of Paddock Wood where we are struggling to recruit distributors.

If you are able to help to deliver *Contact*, or if you would like to become a subscriber, please get in touch with Linda Hobbs (tel. 01892 832695; email linda.hobbs@standrewspw.org.uk). Thank you!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

1st May	Ronald Taylor of Haywain Close, Paddock Wood	Age 81
8th May	Paul Hazeltine of Siskin Gardens, Paddock Wood	Age 76

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SUDOKU ANSWERS



ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN & YOUTH

Our youngsters look forward to June as we aim to do more outdoor activities with them, making use of the church gardens for church-based activities or the longer days for the young people who attend our Pathfinders Youth Club. This June we are aiming to do a Scavenger Hunt, where the youngsters will need to try and find different things/items around Paddock Wood.

However, June is also a key month for the teenagers of Paddock Wood, as many of them will either be doing their GCSE or A-Level exams, or end-of-year exams. For many, this is a particularly stressful time, so our prayers and any words of encouragement we can give these youngsters at this time, will I am sure be appreciated.

Plans are also beginning to come together for our annual Holiday Club which is happening in July – **from Monday 20th July – Thursday 23rd July**, for children aged 5-11. The Holiday Club will run for four mornings of activity, with team challenges and games, Bible stories and worship. We will be having a Lego-themed Holiday Club, so if you have any Lego you would like to lend or donate, that would be most appreciated. If you do want to lend us some Lego, the Lego will be kept in individual teams so that different Lego won't get muddled with other Lego.

If you would like to help us at this popular week of activity, please do get in touch. Offers of help with our teams of children on all or some of the days of the Holiday Club are always much appreciated, so if you would like to help in any way, please do get in touch with Hanna on 01892 837617 or email: hanna@standrewspw.org.uk.

Dates for the Diary for June 2026:

Monday	1st June:	Little Pickles (9:45 am-11:15 am)
Tuesday	2nd June:	Rhyme Time for Little Ones (10 am-11 am) Pathfinders Youth Club (7:15 pm-8:45 pm)
Sunday	7th June:	Voyagers Sunday Group (10:30 am — 11:30 am)
Monday	8th June:	Little Pickles (9:45 am-11:15 am)
Tuesday	9th June:	Pathfinders (7:15 pm-8:45 pm)
Sunday	14th June:	ChurchLite Service (10:30 am — 11:30 am)
Monday	15th June:	Little Pickles (9:45 am-11:15 am)
Tuesday	16th June:	Rhyme Time for Little Ones (10 am-11 am) Pathfinders Youth Club (7:15 pm-8:45 pm)

Sunday	21st June:	Voyagers & Survivors Sunday Social (10:30 am - 11:30 am)
Monday	22nd June:	Little Pickles (9:45 am - 11:15 am)
Tuesday	23rd June:	Rhyme Time for Little Ones (10 am - 11 am) Pathfinders Youth Club (7:15 pm - 8:45 pm)
Saturday	27th June:	Who Let the Dads Out? (9:45 am - 11:30 am)
Sunday	28th June:	Voyagers & Survivors Sunday Groups (10:30 am - 11:30 am) Messy Church (4:15 pm - 6:15 pm)
Monday	29th June:	Little Pickles (9:45 am - 11:15 am)
Tuesday	30th June:	Rhyme Time for Little Ones (10 am - 11 am) Pathfinders Youth Club (7:15 pm - 8:45 pm)

SAVE THE DATES!

20th July – 23rd July 2026

St Andrew's Church







Annual Holiday Club

For children in
years R to 6



St. Andrew's Church
Paddock Wood



For further details contact Hanna
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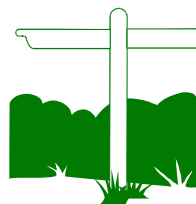
**Please contact Katharine for more info
on 07716 102 911.**

Parish Prayer

**Wednesdays & Thursdays
9.00 - 9.30 am in The Wallis Room
All welcome**

Open House

**Fridays 10.30 - 12 noon
in The Wallis Room
All welcome**



FAMILY SUPPORT (Part 2)

Family Action

Family Action - South East Family Action is a provider of services to disadvantaged and socially isolated families. Providing practical, emotional and financial support through 100 services based in the communities across England.

E: info@family-action.org.uk W: www.family-action.org.uk

Family and Childcare Trust

Family and Childcare Trust aims to make the UK a better place for families, through research, campaigning and information provision, working with government, employers and parents to reduce pressures on family life.

T: 0207 940 7510 E: info@familyandchildcaretrust.org

W: www.familyandchildcaretrust.org

Family Lives

Family support service is offered through the helpline, as well as offering tailored support around issues such as bullying, special educational needs, and support for specific communities.

T: 0203 727 3571 E: katied@familylives.org.uk W: www.familylives.org.uk

Fegans (aka Spurgeons)

Fegans provides a full range of professional counselling services in our centres and also in schools throughout London and the South East. Our BACP registered counsellors are fully qualified & work with parents / children to enable them to manage their lives, build relationships and make positive choices. Fegans are commissioned by Early Help, LAs and Schools to undertake three main forms of parent support:

- Evidence-based parenting programs to vulnerable families
- Emergency intervention (i.e., adoption breakdown, high end need)
- Targeted community-based programs

T: 01892 538288 E: info@fegans.org.uk W: www.fegans.org.uk

Free Early Education for two year olds

Some two year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare for 38 weeks. This national scheme is available under the following criteria: Children

- Who are looked after by the Local Authority (LA);
- Who are no longer looked after by LA;
- as a result of an adoption order, a special guardianship order or a residence order;
- Who have a current statement of SEN or an educational, health and care plan;
- Whose parents receive specific benefits.

W: www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/childcare-and-pre-school/freechildcare/free-childcare-for-2-yearolds#tab-2

Friends for Families

Provide direct, practical assistance to people who have been identified by Children's Services as needing help which can't be provided by central or local government. Once we've received a referral from Children's Services we step in to help to fill that gap.

E: contact@friendsforfamilies.org

W: www.friendsforfamilies.org/

Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIRES)

GIRES provides information for trans people, their families and the professionals who care for them. GIRES combines the expertise of a largely voluntary team of trans and non-trans people.

T: 01372 80 15 54 E: info@gires.org.uk

W: www.gires.org.uk

Gingerbread

Gingerbread provides expert advice, practical support and campaign for single parents. They have a range of factsheets and practical advice on issues such as money, work and family.

T: 08088 02 09 25 W: www.gingerbread.org.uk

Home-Start

Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support during those early years when their children are young. If you have at least one child under five, then Home Start can help.

T: 0116 464 5490 E: info@home-start.org.uk

Kent Advocacy

Kent Advocacy is made up of 9 organisations (independent of the NHS and KCC) that all specialise in providing different services across the county.

T: 0330 440 9000 E: info@theadvocacypeople.org.uk

Kent Childrens and Families Information Service (CFIS)

Kent Children and Families Information Service (CFIS) provides, free, confidential, impartial information and advice to parents, carers and members of the public.

T: 03000 412323 E: kentcfis@theeducationpeople.org W: www.kent.gov.uk

Kent Family Mediation Service

Kent Family Mediation Service is a non-profit making organisation, which offers a professional and impartial family mediation service.

T: 01795 410457 E: contact@kentfms.co.uk W: www.kentfms.co.uk

Kent Fostering

The single largest fostering agency in the country. Within the Fostering Team there is a disabled children's team whose aim is to find suitable fostering families for disabled children and young people in Kent.

T: 03000 420002 E: kentfostering@kent.gov.uk W: www.kentfostering.co.uk

Kent Resilience Hub

Provides information, guidance and resources for parents to support their own, as well as their child's emotional wellbeing and resilience.

W: www.KentResilienceHub.org.uk

Kent Safeguarding Children Board

Provides information and advice for professional people who work with children in Kent. Has multiple groups that monitor, legislate and advices on all aspects of safeguarding for children. If you are worried about a child, please do report it.

T: 03000 41 11 11 (to report child abuse) E: social.services@kent.gov.uk W: www.kscb.org.uk/home

Kent Wheels 2 Work

This is a low-cost moped loan scheme to help anyone (16 - 65 years) get from home to work, education or training in circumstances where other public transport would be difficult.

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PADDOCK WOOD FLOWER CLUB

at the Village Hall, Maidstone Road, Matfield, TN12 7LW

Thursday 18 June 2026

at 1.30pm for 2.00pm



"A Blue Summer"

**A Floral Demonstration by
Ellouise Hasler-Stott**

Sales Table Refreshments Raffle

New members and visitors are welcome

Member's subscription: £40.00 (per year)

Visitor's fee: £10.00 (including refreshments)

Phone Brenda (07949 372 313) or Sue (07801 967 911)

for further details about this meeting and the Club

pwflowerclub@hotmail.com

Facebook: [Paddock Wood Flower Club](#)

Renters Right Act 2025

The Renters' Right Act 2025 became law on 1st May 2026. This gives most private tenants new rights, regardless of how their existing tenancy agreement is worded and introduces new rules for private landlords. Shelter provides a helpful table with a summary of the main changes. Social tenancies are not yet impacted by the legislation.

From 1 May 2026

Your landlord needs a legal reason to evict you with a section 8 notice

Your landlord can only take up to 1 month's rent in advance.

Your landlord must give at least 2 months' notice of a rent increase and must use a section 13 notice.

Your landlord cannot increase your rent with a rent review clause, even if your tenancy agreement says they can. They cannot increase your rent more than once a year.

You need to give 2 months' notice to end your assured tenancy, unless you and your landlord agree a shorter notice in writing.

You have a rolling 'periodic' tenancy which makes it easier to leave by giving notice.

You can ask to keep a pet. Your landlord can only say no if they have a good reason.

Before 1 May 2026

Your landlord could evict you for no reason with a section 21 notice.

There were no limits on rent in advance.

Your landlord only had to give 1 month's notice of a rent increase.

Your landlord could use rent review clauses to increase your rent more than once a year.

You could often give 1 month's notice to end a periodic AST.

Many renters had fixed term tenancies. It was often hard to leave a fixed term tenancy early.

Your landlord could say no pets. They did not need a reason.

Should you have any questions regarding these changes or about which aspects of your tenancy agreement have changed, please contact us and we can provide guidance. Note that a few tenancies, for example longstanding agricultural tenancies, may remain unchanged.

PWCAC is OPEN for face-to-face advice (appointments and drop-ins) Monday to Friday, 9:30 – 1:30. If you need advice about welfare benefits, housing and homelessness, money guidance, relationship breakdown, consumer issues or anything else, get in touch:

info@pwadvice.org | 01892 838619

94 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6DP



Our JUNE monthly talk will be:

High Profile Security Incidents

John is a former Army Officer, who mainly worked in Bomb Disposal and was Commander of the UK's High-Risk Counter Terrorist Search Operations. Most of his work is now in explosive effects analysis and also teaching counter terrorist procedures to large international and national organisations.

John has been involved in many high-profile incidents including the 'Brighton Bomb' in 1984 and the Lockerbie disaster in 1988. His work has also included the removal of pipe mines under 36 airfields in SE England, and ensuring the security of the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London and that of the Channel Tunnel and route from Folkestone to St Pancras.

Come along and learn all about his life spent in Counter Terrorism for over 50 years.

Our speaker will be
Dr John Wyatt

Lockerbie bombing



**Thursday 11th June
2.00-4.00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church,
Paddock Wood,**

For further details see:

www.paddockwoodu3a.org

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HOST AN EVENT AT ST. ANDREW'S!



A regular group activity, a meeting, a celebration, or a formal occasion?

Why not consider St. Andrew's?

We are fortunate to have two halls and a meeting room which are well-equipped and disability-friendly, so we are able to meet most peoples' needs. Plus, we offer shared use of our kitchen facilities and access to our garden and foyer should you need some extra space.



Reasons to choose St. Andrew's:

Our prices are not time or date specific, so the advertised rate is what you pay.

We have a large, well-equipped commercial kitchen conveniently situated between the Winter and Mervin Halls, each served by a large hatchway.

The Wallis Room boasts projector facilities, ideal for presentations you may wish to share. This wonderful octagonal shaped room offers plenty of natural light.

The building is well-served by a good-sized car park with space for 40 vehicles, including four disabled bays.



If you'd like to know more about hiring a hall, then why not get in touch with us at bookings@standrewspw.org.uk

Alternatively, call Siobhan on 01892 837617 or view our website for information at www.standrewspw.org.uk

Diary Dates for June

11th June	10.30 am	Friends Together
13th June	2.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
25th June	10.30 am	Friends Together
27th June	9.00 am	Who Let the Dad's Out?
28th June	4.15 pm	Messy Church

Children and Youth Contact Details

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Little Pickles	Mondays (term time)	9.45 am - 11.15 am
Rhyme Time	Tuesdays (term time)	10.00 am - 11 am
Messy Church	3rd Sunday each month	4.45 pm - 6.15 pm
Survivors Sunday Social	3rd Sunday each month	10:30 - 11.30 am
Youth Worker	Hanna Rosser	01892 837617 or 07775 854129
Pathfinders (age 11 - 14)	Tuesdays (term time)	7.15 pm - 8.45 pm
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For information about joining
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers
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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
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