



SUNDAY 7TH MARCH

THROWLEY PARISH LANES CLEAN UP

DUE TO COVID 19 WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE ARRANGEMENTS THIS YEAR AND SADLY WON'T BE ABLE HAVE OUR USUAL SOCIAL GATHERING AFTERWARDS. WE HOPE WE CAN STILL RECREATE SOME OF THROWLEY'S FANTASTIC COMMUNITY SPIRIT BY US ALL CLEANING OUR LANES ON EXACTLY THE SAME DAY MARCH THE 7TH AT 11.30

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High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

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The Goldfinch

A flash of yellow, gold, and red
Dancing in our flower bed
Flocked together, bringing charm
Their joyful song restoring calm.
Through centuries since times of old
We've always loved their plumage
bold;
As they gathered round to feed
Seeking grubs, and thistle seed.
So, go ahead, and plant some thistles
You will see, among the bristles.
Golden birds who dance and dart
Bringing joy to warm your heart.

By Nigel Beeton



From the Rector - Thank You Norman

Norman Fowler recently phoned me to say that he and Sylvie had been reflecting and he felt now was the time to step down from active Reader Ministry. This has been a big decision for him and one that I am sure comes with some sadness, yet at the same time comes with our heartfelt thanks for his steadfastness of faith and ministry amongst us over many, many years as a Reader. Norman will be the first one to say how that ministry has evolved over the years and how it has encompassed different churches at different times. I am so grateful to Norman for his ministry, for the times we have shared in discussing that ministry, going back over a fair number of years now as it is my privilege, as Area

Dean, to spend time with those Readers whose parishes are in interregnum, and of course that has happened now more than once in my time as Area Dean. I know you will want to join with me as we say that thank you to God for Norman's Ministry.

The good news of course is that Norman and Sylvie will remain fully part of the community in Eastling and fully part of the worshipping community in High Downs.

I am sure we will find a way to suitably mark Norman's retirement from active ministry when we are able to do so, when the restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, Thank you, Norman and God bless.

Rev Canon Dr Steve Lillicrap



St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield

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Coronavirus near Easter: still a good time to pause, pray and remember

When the UK death toll for coronavirus recently reached 100,000, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a call to the nation. They asked everyone to pause and remember the victims of Covid-19. The victims and their families were 'known to God and cherished by God'.

Perhaps, as we approach Easter, we should consider stopping again and remembering again the terrible cost of the pandemic.

In their open letter, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell had insisted that death does not have "the last word", and the Christian faith promises that one day "every tear will be wiped away".

God, they wrote, knows grief and suffering and "shares in the weight of our sadness".

Turning to the wider impact of the pandemic, the loneliness, anxiety and economic hardship, they then invited people to "cast their fears on God".

The archbishops said: "We write to you in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering Himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness."

"Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in His resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away.

"Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us."

It is expected that the Church of England will hold services of remembrance for those who have died and thanksgiving for all those who have cared for them when it is possible to do so.

Prayer Pointers

March 2021

Mondays - Give thanks for our National Health Service.

Tuesdays - Pray for nurses and doctors and give thanks for the lives they have saved .

Wednesdays - Pray for the vaccinators and give thanks for the lives they will save.

Thursdays - Pray for families and friends we long to meet again in person.

Fridays - Pray for the children missing school and education and give thanks for the dedication of teachers.

Saturdays - Pray for those who mourn so many lives lost.

Sundays - Give thanks and praise to God for the freshness of the countryside in Spring.



Stalisfield Village Hall

Just a quick update you on what has been going on at the hall whilst we have been unable to open. We have successfully applied for and received various donations and grants in order to cover the running costs this year. This has been a huge relief as obviously the chance to fundraise has been pretty much zero! You can also help when you shop online - log into Smile.Amazon and select the hall as your chosen charity, then shop as normal. Alternatively, you can 'Give as you Live' which again donates to the hall at no extra cost to yourself. Anyone who is ordering from supermarkets (or elsewhere!) online could see an easy donation to the village hall. Please try and sign up - you can even download a Give as You Live on your task bar which will give you a nudge when you go to participating websites.

We also have some tentative dates and events set for next year - we can only hope that some if not all go ahead - which are as follows:

- 12th June - Summer Event
- 16th July - Ladies Lunch
- 17th July - Treasure Hunt
- 28th August - Fete
- 9th October - Harvest Supper
- 10th & 11th December - Panto
- 12th December - Children's Christmas Party
- 18th December - Seniors Christmas Dinner

Please note these dates/events are subject to change so do check the Website or Facebook page for further updates.

We would welcome volunteers for all events, whether to be the 'chief organiser' or even if you can spare a couple hours of your time for set up/clearance etc. Perhaps you fancy becoming part of the panto cast! If you have an idea for a new community event, please get in touch...we would very much welcome new ideas.

We also have an opening for an additional Trustee to help oversee the day to day running of the hall.

As this situation will be with us for a while yet, should you need any help if having to self-isolate, please do get in touch.

We are lucky enough to live in a wonderful community so please do not feel you are on your own.

Should you wish to discuss any of the points or volunteer, please contact Tracy Dove on 07717 367 936 or email

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There has been a substantial rise in the number of dog thefts in Kent including our local area. The people who steal these dogs have no feelings for the owners so be wary at all times should you see someone, who may I use the term, looks a bit dodgy. Keep your dog with-in your sight all the time if off lead.

This time of the year there are lots of sheep with lambs around so you must keep your dog on a lead in the vicinity of livestock as any dog, pet or otherwise, will chase sheep.

As has been said before, a farmer has the legal right to shoot a dog attacking or harassing his livestock. We had an unfortunate instance last year please do not let it happen again.

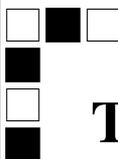
As we are coming into spring ensure that you check the security on your sheds and barns as no doubt there will be people around looking for the opportunity to relieve you of your gardening equipment.

Have a good month and take care, Alan.



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Friends of Throwley Church was formed in 2008 to help conserve the fabric of the Church and to keep it as a community focal point for the village. The Friends are people of all faith and none who live in or have an association with and affection for Throwley plus several organisations also involved in the life of the community. If you would like to find out more or to join us please contact

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Sunday Services resume at Throwley

Churchwarden, Gaynore Moss, has announced that Sunday services have resumed with Morning Prayer at 10.30am on second Sundays and Holy Communion at 10.30am every fourth Sunday. These will be subject to Covid restrictions and ministry team availability.

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From The Registers

Funeral

David Thompson

9th February 2021 at Eastling with burial in Gillingham

Burial

Anthony Freed

19th February 2021 at Eastling

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If you would like to submit articles, or to advertise in the April 2021 magazine, send your submission by 20th March 2021 to:
goodnewsmagazine@me.com.

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Sunday Services are resuming in some churches - subject to Covid restrictions and ministry team availability

Our Rector, Revd Dr Steve Lillicrap, will continue with 9am Morning Prayer every day on www.kingsdowncreekside.co.uk - also on the YouTube Channel 'Breakthrough at Lynsted'.

More information is updated weekly on St Mary's Eastling 'A Church Near You':
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11982/>

28th February Lent 2

Romans 4. 13 - end, Mark 8. 31 - end

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion
Newnham 10.30am Morning Worship

7th March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 1. 18 - 25, John 2. 13 - 22

Teynham 10.30am Morning Worship

14th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

Colossians 3. 12 - 17, John 19. 25b - 27

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

21st March Lent 5

Hebrews 5. 5 - 10, John 12. 20 - 33

28th March Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, John 12. 12 - 16

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion



Churches Open for Private Prayer

Throwley and Eastling church buildings will
continue to be open for private prayer.

St Michael and All Angels,
Throwley
Wednesdays and Sundays
10am till 4pm

St Mary, Eastling
Tuesdays, Thursdays
and Sundays
11am - 2pm



February Newsletter

February seems to have been dominated locally by two issues, Covid and the Swale Local Plan. With Covid the vaccination programme is rolling out at great speed. As I write this over 15 million doses have been administered. The roll out is now extending to my age group. Hopefully as vaccination increase and cases continue to fall, we can look cautiously forward to a slow return to normality.

The Swale Borough Council Local Plan is now out for public consultation. The shortest allowed period has been chosen by the current administration of Swale Borough Council with responses needing to be submitted by 23rd March. Unfortunately, there will be no public meetings held by the Borough Council to inform residents. There are 12,000 extra housing units identified in the Plan with others expected to come forward as windfall sites or as part of the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan. Of the 12,000 identified 5,400 are in Faversham and the villages of East Swale. Particularly badly impacted are the villages of

Boughton, Teynham, Lynsted and Selling. It also has potentially major impacts on congestion and air quality for residents and communities close to , or reliant on the A2. At over 1000 pages the Plan is difficult to take in online. Paper copies can be obtained at £25 a piece.

Many Parish Councils have already scheduled Special Meetings to engage with their residents and consider a response. I am given to understand some 10 or 11 have already objected to the shortness of the consultation period and other, what they feel to be, weaknesses in the way the Plan has been arrived at and in the consultation process, especially at a time we are subject to so many restrictions due to Covid.

Having confirmed in my last newsletter that I would not be a candidate for KCC in May can I thank all those who have contacted me. Some of the responses have been embarrassingly kind. It has been an honour and mostly a great pleasure to serve you all.

Andrew Bowles, Swale East

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Brief History of Charing

The archaeological history of settlement goes back to the Bronze Age, followed by the Iron Age, and there is extensive evidence of Roman activity.

The most famous and earliest transport route is the prehistoric track way now known as the Pilgrim's Way. Other routes followed including Roman roads, medieval roads, the turnpike from Maidstone to Ashford and, more recently, the railway, A20, M20 and HS1.

Charing was given to the Church of Canterbury by Egbert II (King of Kent 765 - 780). The archbishops established a manor house here (a day's journey from Canterbury), & a market grew up outside the manor gates. The settlement was largely in place by the 13th century.

The presence of the Archbishop's Palace distinguishes Charing from surrounding settlements, and it was visited by Edward I (1297 & 1299), Henry VII (8 times between 1498 - 1508), & Henry VIII (twice in 1511, then 1513, 1520 on his way to the 'Field of Cloth of Gold' & 3 times between 1541 and 1544). The estate was given to Henry VIII in 1545, but was sold into private ownership in 1629.

By the 13th century there was a marketplace in front of the manor, & the name still survives, but now as 'Market Place'. The High Street is still lined with well-built timber houses dating to the 15th & 16th centuries, & the church was rebuilt at various periods. The tower was finished in 1545. In the 18th century, some elegant houses were built, & small ale houses gave way to large coaching inns, which only declined in

importance with the coming of the railway in 1884.

Since the end of WW2 major developments have taken place, with the resultant increase in population.

In 1664 there were 170 households in the parish, 300 by the end of the 18th century, & 1180 by 1999.

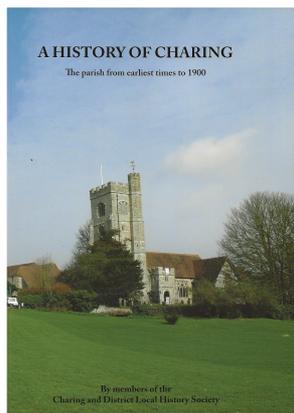
In 1377 the population was approx 300, 851 in 1811, 2284 in 2001, & will grow to an estimated 4000 by 2030.

Let us hope that growth beyond 2030 can be achieved sensibly.

A comprehensive history can be found in CDLHS' publication 'A History of Charing' (£12 +p&p), & is available from

chairman@charinghistory.co.uk

Keith Oram (Chair - CDLHS



When Spring is Born

by Audrey Keen

When the little lambs jump over meadow grass

And joyfully there bleat;

When blue tits, finches and the blackbird so compete;

When I see the dormant trees thrill to expectant leaves

Beneath a perfect sky quiffed like the blue white seas;

I stand and listen to the silent day

And then record inside my mind

That spring cannot be far away.

When sheep, unruffled by their offspring, rest

And primroses appear,

As winter's cold is weakened by the time, at best,

And cuckoos sing just here;

When other birds chant day and evening too

And daylight shortens so the night,

As sun brings many bells a blue

And beech leaves make the wood just right;

And land, once brown and sleeping, wakes

To green, green corn;

The spring, I know, is then just born.

Joe McCarron

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Helen Whately's Parish Update

Light at the end of the tunnel

I know for many people these past few weeks have been some of the hardest of the pandemic.

The dark winter days have been made so much harder by lockdown and not being able to see friends and family.

We also heard the sad news about Captain Sir Tom Moore. His service to our country and our NHS, and the inspiration he gave us all, will live on.

While these continue to be tough times, there are good reasons to be hopeful.

I've been chairing a Task Force to help bring down rates of infection in Kent. I've seen the hard work and dedication of people and groups across the county in bringing the virus under control – and we are seeing these efforts pay off with infection rates falling.

Our vaccine rollout has reached over 17 million people, and we are on track to have vaccinated the top four priority groups – which includes people most at risk from Covid along with health and social care workers – by the middle of this month.

Our testing capacity goes from strength to strength. Over 19 million rapid PCR tests have now gone out to care homes so they can regularly test staff and residents. And when a new variant of the virus was detected in parts of Maidstone, we were able to deliver 9,600 home testing kits within 72 hours to help contain the spread.

We're continuing to support people and businesses through these difficult times, including a boost for local services with Kent County Council seeing its budget from central government increase by 5.5% to just over £1.1 billion for the next financial year.

As the lighter days of spring appear, we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. But we mustn't stop now. We can all do our part by following the guidance and keeping each other safe.



Support during lockdown

Councillors and volunteers are playing a crucial role in our response to Covid.

I've been truly impressed at the scale and speed of the response here in Faversham and Mid Kent, from our County Council to parishes and community groups, charities, and local businesses.

Sometimes it can be hard to know where to look for help, which is why I've put together a list of local contacts on my website.

If you're self-isolating and need help getting food, if you're a business looking for grants, or you want more information on testing and the vaccine rollout in Kent, then take a look on my website:

www.helenwhately.org.uk/news/coronavirus-local-contacts-page.

Community testing more important than ever

Along with the vaccine rollout, increased testing capacity is also helping to offer us a way out of lockdown.

We now have 24 symptom-free Covid testing sites across Kent – including the Detling Showground and County Hall in Maidstone, as well as sites in Canterbury and Swale.

These tests are so important for helping to pinpoint where the virus is in our community, as we know around 1 in 3 people with Covid have no symptoms.

It's particularly important you get tested if you need to leave home for work. More information, including how to book a test slot, can be found on KCC's website.

Swale Local Plan needs a rethink

Like many people, I was shocked by the scale of development proposed for Faversham and the surrounding villages in Swale Borough Council's draft Local Plan.

The proposals would change the look and feel of our community for generations to come, and yet these enormous changes are being subject to bare minimum consultation.

I've argued that a six week viewing period to comment on the soundness of the plan before it goes

STOP PRESS >>>>>

Swale Local Plan Survey

M.P. Helen Whately has launched a survey on her website about Swale Borough Council's Local Plan.

A number of parish councillors have been in contact with Helen about this recently, and there are concerns that parish councils have not been properly consulted about the proposals. These are concerns that Helen has raised with the leadership of the Council and she is keen to make sure that local people have their say, which is why she has launched this survey.

The survey can be found here: <https://www.helenwhately.org.uk/Swale-Local-Plan-Survey>

to the Planning Inspector is not good enough. We need better consultation and scrutiny of proposals that could see thousands more houses built around Faversham.

I urge all residents and parish councils to contact Swale Borough Council with their view on the plan. Email: lpcomments@swale.gov.uk

Boost to police numbers in Kent

We're getting an extra 145 police officers in Kent over the next year.

Kent Police is on track to get an extra £19.5 million next financial year, and Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott has said the money will be spent on extra officers for the force. This is good news for people across Kent.

We already have record numbers of police officers in the county. The latest announcement means Kent is on track to have 3,970 officers by March 2022. That's 183 more officers than 2010.

Kent Police has launched its #MoreThanTheBadge campaign to help recruit new officers.

Taste of Kent Awards are back

Voting is open for the Taste of Kent Awards 2021. Now in their 17th year, the Awards showcase the best that the Garden of England has to offer.

If there's a Kent beer or cider you particularly enjoy, a brilliant butcher who deserves recognition, or a local supplier that has gone the extra mile during the pandemic, you can nominate them online here: www.tasteofkentawards.co.uk

The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers all that mothers have done for us this past year

Let's clap for mothers!



As Mother's Day approaches, let's hear it for all the mothers who have been on the frontline of helping our country survive the Covid pandemic!

Just as we've clapped on our doorsteps for the NHS and other heroes, let's applaud all that mothers have done – often balancing home and employment – during these long lockdown months.

Research shows that mums have carried out most of the home schooling and household tasks – with many also holding down important frontline roles in the NHS and other essential services.

Women spent more than twice as much time as men on their children's home schooling and development during the lockdown, according to a study by University College London. It measured how parents responded while schools and nurseries were closed to most families.

The survey, reported by the Guardian newspaper, found that women across several age groups took the major share of childcare and home schooling. Those with primary school-aged children "were considerably more likely" to have given up working than fathers with children of the same age.

The pressure on families was further increased as many grandparents and other carers were unable to help. Family and friendship networks were put under strain with contacts restricted to online Zoom or Facetime calls that are often difficult with younger children.

Launching a Children's Society report into children's welfare during the lockdown, chief executive Mark

Russell said: "We are living in unprecedented times. Months of national lockdown, only small numbers of children in school, and many families experiencing real crisis. Coronavirus has impacted every area of our lives and The Children's Society has been deeply concerned about the impact of this crisis on children, especially the most disadvantaged."

He added: "Our survey found a higher proportion of young people experiencing low well-being than we are used to seeing. Whilst we know that most children's well-being will 'bounce-back', there will be some who do not."

Mothers are at the frontline of helping our children cope with – and then recover from – the effects of the Covid pandemic and the extended lockdowns.

Many working mothers lost their jobs because of the pandemic, and families will be hard-pressed to make up for the income lost. Food bank provider, the Trussell Trust has warned churches to prepare for a 'tidal wave' of poverty and to be ready to help their local communities.

This Mother's Day, daffodils and chocolate may seem very thin reward for the major contribution of mums across our nation.

In normal times, they have a challenging and demanding job to do. Through the pandemic, they have risen to the challenges and sought to ensure children thrive despite the lockdowns.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let's recognise the amazing efforts made by mothers in the home with their children.

Let's also celebrate the vital roles many also play – as do those without children – in the NHS, in education, in the government and civil service, in keeping vital supplies flowing – and in our pulpits and across our churches.



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The Revd Canon Paul Hardingham offers the following for Lent...

Finding God in Each Moment of the Day

Do you know the popular series of books entitled *Where's Wally?*

These books are filled with very detailed cartoon drawings in each of which is hidden Wally. He is dressed in a red and white striped ski cap and glasses and the challenge is to find Wally. You have to search for some time to pick him out of the crowd, but Wally is always there!



In many ways, like finding Wally, we need to develop the skill of identifying God's presence in our daily lives. One approach that can help us to find God throughout the day is to do a daily review of our day with God. It can provide us with a means of seeing where God has been at work during our day. It's an opportunity of remembering how God has been at work and how we have responded to Him.

As the psalmist says, *'On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night'* (Ps 63:6).

What does this look like in practice?

Here is a step by step guide:

1. Be still for a moment, and quiet your mind.
2. Acknowledge that Jesus is present. Invite Him to guide you.
3. Recall the beginning of the day, when you first woke up. Watch that scene, as if on film. What is your reaction to what you see? Talk to God about it.
4. Continue through the film of your day, going from scene to scene. As you reflect on each one, some scenes may fill you with gratitude, others with regret. Speak directly to God about this. You may also want to pray for those you encountered during the day.
5. End your review with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's mercy and love. Ask him to refresh you as you sleep.

As you begin reviewing your day with God regularly, you can expect to see two things beginning to happen:

Firstly, you will become more aware of recurring negative patterns in your life, which will challenge these wrong attitudes and habits and increase your desire to grow and change.

Secondly, you will become more aware of God's presence in the ordinary moments of your life. And when you start experiencing the reality of God's presence with you every day, it's not ordinary any more!

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A housewife was helping her aged father get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say: "I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Father in the electric chair and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!"



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Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury & Reformation Martyr

If you have ever been caught up in a great event at work, which has gone on to change your own life, then Thomas Cranmer is the saint for you. He was the first ever Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, following King Henry VIII's decision to pull away from Rome, and set up the Church of England.

Born in Nottingham in 1489, Thomas Cranmer became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533. He was adviser to both Henry VIII and Edward VI. He helped Henry with the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and along with Thomas Cromwell, supported the principle of Royal Supremacy (where the king is sovereign over the Church in his realm).

Under Edward VI, Thomas Cranmer made major reforms to the C of E. He put the English Bible into parish churches, compiled the first two versions of the Book of Common Prayer, and worked with continental reformers to change doctrine on everything from the Eucharist and veneration of saints.

But kings and queens, like American presidents, change, and the Catholic Queen Mary I was determined to wipe out Protestantism. Thomas Cranmer was imprisoned for two years, found guilty of heresy, and burned at the stake on 21st March 1556.

RURAL FOCUS PRESS GROUP COMMENT AND ADVICE COLUMN

by Pat Crawford

A UN environment report indicates that, although countries have made progress in planning for climate change adaptation, there are significant financing shortfalls in 'getting them to the stage where they provide real protection against droughts, floods and rising sea levels'. It is estimated that developing countries require an \$70bn to enable them to meet adaptation plans – potentially rising to \$500bn in 2050.

Secretary General Mr Guterres emphasised the importance of early warning systems: "Just 24 hours' warning of a coming storm or heatwave, can cut the ensuing damage by 30 per cent". A statement that resonates in the UK - especially in areas that have suffered repeated costly environment related catastrophes.

Immediately he took office Mr Biden issued two executive orders that matter to the entire world. He re-signed America to the Paris Climate Accord and re-joined the World Health Organisation.

MPs criticised the Bank of England for providing carbon-intensive companies with Covid-related finance packages without the attachment of environmental related conditions. At least 230 large companies have been granted help. The failure to link to green policies is disappointing environmentalists.

Two Kent farmers, Richard Bowe and Doug Wanstall, have set up *Re-Generation Earth* to be a conduit between businesses, landowners, farmers and individuals interested in helping to mitigate Climate Change and reverse biodiversity collapse. Contact details/ Email: richard@re-generationearth.com, Mobile: 07717 020225, www.re-generationearth.com

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Wrong number

The curate took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and said that he would ring later for news. When he phoned later in the day he got the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place this morning, is there any news?" He was surprised to be told "Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."



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Who is my mother?
Look up the Bible verses then find the mother's names in the word search

CAIN and ABEL
Genesis 4:1-2

JOSEPH
Genesis 30:22-24

ISHMAEL
Genesis 16:15

TIMOTHY
2 Timothy 1:5

RUBEN
Genesis 29:32

GAD
Genesis 35:26

SAMUEL
1 Samuel 1:20

OBED
Matthew 1:5

ISAAC
Genesis 27:3

Jesus was loved by his mother Mary, she looked after him, worried about him and prayed for him. She **cuddled** Jesus when he was born, **cried** when he died and **rejoiced** when he rose from the dead.

SOLOMON
1 Chronicles 3:5

JOHN
Luke 1:57-60

ESAU and JACOB
Genesis 25:24-26

JESUS
Acts 1:14



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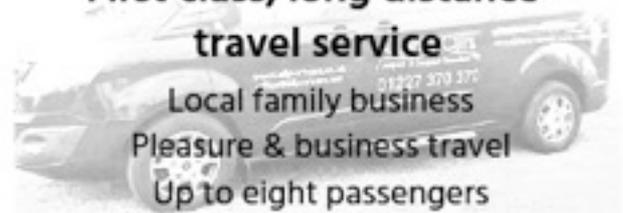
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